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**Sent:** 07 December 2025 21:38  
**To:** DC Admin  
**Subject:** Objection to 2025/60/92776/E land at, Eastfield, Shepley, Huddersfield, HD8 8HB

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing regarding my objection to the proposed development of 110 houses on the land off Eastfield and Knowle Park Avenue, Shepley.

Shepley is a small village. There are already developments on Marsh Lane and two on Abbey Road. Adding more houses will destroy the feel of the village and place extra pressure on limited local services. The development will harm the character and appearance of the area due to its scale and siting.

Both developments on Abbey Road have had issues and gone out of business. I believe that some of the houses remain unsold.

The Kirklees plan shows the proposed site is green belt and is actively farmed land over multiple land registry titles. This is not grey belt and the individual land registry titles cannot be regarded as such. The site is not allocated for development in the Kirklees Plan. Approving this application would undermine public confidence in the plan-led system.

The government has stated it wants the country to be 'war-fighting ready'. As part of this we surely need to secure our food sources, not build over them.

Banks are happy to ignore the Kirklees plan which states this land is green belt. However, they are happy to use the Kirklees plan for the percentage of affordable houses. They are cherry picking policies to suit their objectives.

There are severe issues with the proposal,

- Knowle Park Avenue cannot be made on way – this is the only exit when it is icy and snowy. You only need to make the mistake once of going down the steep gradient on Lea Drive once, which I did and would never do again for fear of sliding out onto the A629.
- The proposed development will bring another 200+ cars to the village. None of the residents of the development will use public transport. Both the trains and buses are infrequent and will not be used by people to get to work. Adding all these cars to the road will increase the danger to the existing residents and ultimately the number of accidents at the Sovereign junction which is a dangerous junction.
- The 'supermarket' in the village is NOT a supermarket. It is a convenience store, where the alcohol section is just a big as the rest of the shop. No one does their weekly shop there. All the new residents will have to drive to the supermarket.
- The access down Eastfield will be chaos. Residents already park their cars on the road, so trying to get another 200+ cars down the road is crazy. Surely a development of this size should have direct access to a main road, not through an existing housing estate.
- There are many young children that live on Knowle Park Avenue and Lea Drive  
They all play out in the streets. Many of them ride their bikes around Lea Drive and Eastfield as

well as playing cricket and football etc. Children have played in these streets for at least last 30+ years. Adding 200+ cars will destroy this heritage.

- Shepley Spring hold frequent events and cars park all the way along the Knowle and Knowle Park Avenue. If Knowle Park Avenue is one way all these cars will have to come through the estate.
- At school dropping off time Lea Drive and the surrounding streets are congested with cars parked on the road. Shepley First School is forecast to be at full capacity when this project is complete. Any children will have to be taken to nearby schools by car, increasing the number of cars through the estate at school time, making it more dangerous for the children being taken to Shepley First School.
- It will be impossible to move construction traffic through the estate safely. The roads are too narrow, with parked cars, children playing and is especially busy at school pickup and drop-off times.

Drainage issues. The drainage on the estate is terrible. There are often blockages. The houses of Lea Drive and Knowle Park Avenue clubbed together to buy some drain rods as the problem is so bad. Adding 110 houses to the existing system will cause issues – this could lead to sewage flowing through the streets. Yorkshire Water cannot support the proposal as the sewer network does not have sufficient capacity.

The proposed houses are on Shepley Springs source protection zone. This development is a threat to the future of the business – a local business and local employer.

Destruction of habitat. We regularly get bats, foxes, house sparrows, blue tits, great tits, coal tits, nut hatches, bull finches, gold finches, green finches, wrens, gold crests, long tailed tits in our gardens. There are also frogs, toads and newts in the gardens and surrounding area. Adding 110 houses will destroy the habitat for these species.

There are around 2100 empty houses in Kirklees. The council should be concentrating on bringing these back in to the market, not allowing construction companies to build on greenbelt land.

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