

7 Cliffe Park,
Shepley,
Huddersfield.
HD8 8EG.

7th December 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Planning application number: 2025/60/92776/E

We wish to raise an objection (four local residents: at 7 Cliffe Park,
Shepley, HD8 8EG) to the proposed development at Eastfield in Shepley.

Our house borders on the A629, just below Cliffe House where we moved in 2023. We were aware that when we moved to the property we would be next to a main road, however, during the last two years we have noticed a significant increase in traffic including large lorries and construction vehicles, some of which are travelling at 4am.

In this time period we have also noted an increase in parking on the A629, which has some blind bends and we are aware of multiple collisions including one vehicle which hit the pedestrian island near our property, knocking down the reflective signs. This is already a road where vehicles do not drive at the speed limit and we have witnessed many dangerous driving situations whilst out walking our dog. Surely more traffic is simply going to make the area more dangerous to everyone.

Since moving here, there have been multiple gas and water leaks down the A629 which could be attributed to vibrations caused by the increased traffic. If this is verified with Northern Powergrid, we can honestly say that six of these have been reported by ourselves. Increased traffic will lead to a significant number of additional repairs to the road and services which clearly have not been able to sustain the latest increase of housing and were not designed to do so. Many of the systems in this area will be over 100 years old and adding to poor infrastructure can only lead to more problems.

We note that recently Yorkshire water had to close the A629 due to what must be the third issue near the Shepley Spring area in the last two years. Additional building in Shepley at the 'top' of the hillside will only lead to further run off difficulties potentially leading to further damage to the sewer systems and flood risk area at the 'bottom' of the hill.

At present, we as a family struggle to find public transport which caters for the needs of activities/clubs/school routes. We hoped that as a village with a train, this would be beneficial but we find that both this and bus routes do not connect at suitable times to get to Huddersfield or local villages and we are therefore forced to use a car. We can only assume that an increase in housing will lead to an increase in vehicles as I do not believe that there will be an increase in transport flexibility. Other families will encounter the same challenges as we do.

Many of the developments now being approved (such as this one) do not factor in local shopping, doctors and such amenities. The village currently has a single, small Co-op and beyond this people

have to travel in one way or another (most likely using cars) to the nearest large supermarkets... therefore using the A629 yet again. Our village amenities cannot sustain even more additional housing.

We have family members who attempt to ride bicycles to get around transport difficulties but again, we have an increased concern about teenagers using bicycles to go to and from their schools, particularly if more vehicles will use Shepley as a starting point.

The land is identified as Greenbelt. From an environmental perspective, why are areas of Greenbelt land being used when we have multiple old factory sites around the Huddersfield area which have not been demolished and repurposed? We are not opposed to developments which utilise space which is currently wasted but why is it necessary to look to developing Greenbelt land in areas simply not made to cater for this number of people?

For the reasons detailed above, we strongly object to this application and ask that it be permanently dismissed.

Yours faithfully,