



I strongly object to the proposed development.

for these reasons;

Environmental, the proposed land is currently greenspace producing rare straw used in thatching, there is a strong wildlife presence. Building would threaten both and effectively create an overdeveloped urban sprawl. it would also threaten the business know as Shepley Water Works. This business is the main employer in the village and contributes massively to the local economy. It would be a tragedy if it where forced to close on environmental grounds.

Overdevelopment. Shepley is already overdeveloped and services and village amenities cannot cope. Recent building has already contributed over 100 houses to the housing stock. Enough for the next 10 years or more. There are currently three housebuilding sites in the village with many unsold new homes.

Traffic and Access; The planned access and exits are unworkable, in the winter the access route becomes blocked and the exit down Lea drive is dangerous. No one currently uses that route if there is snow/ice. The one way system proposed would create a prison for residents under Ice/Snow conditions.

Parking; Lea drive and its surrounds are stretched to capacity with much pavement parking making it impossible for elderly residents and children to walk safely. There has already been many accidents. The village lacks parking spaces and there is a lot of on pavement parking, on the Knowle, Lea drive, Marsh Lane and Station rd., plus the A629. The centre of the village around the COOP is regularly blocked because of parked cars. The sight line exit down Lea drive is already compromised making it dangerous to use.

Healthcare provision is inadequate in the village with many residents going directly to A&E rather than waiting for an appointment at the surgery.

Local school provision is inadequate, two of my near neighbours have children travelling to schools in neighbouring villages because there are no vacancies at Shepley Junior School.

Virtually the whole route from Shepley to Huddersfield is now built up or will be when the current developments are finished.

For the sake of the community, Please refuse this application.