

About the application

Application number: 2025/92776	
What is the application for?:	Outline application, with all matters reserved, for residential development with
Address of the site or building:	land at, Eastfield, Shepley, Huddersfield, HD8 8HB
Postcode:	DH7 8XL

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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<p>I strongly object to the proposed housing development in our village of Shepley with the following reasons:</p> <p>1) Local amenities -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- an increase in population via a new housing development in the area will place already struggling services and facilities to beyond capacity. Including the local GP practice which covers Shepley and beyond, increasing the practices patient numbers and thus ability to be seen in a timely fashion.- an increase in population would see the local first school really struggle. Built in the late 1800's it comprises just enough school places for local children, and, this does not include the two existing housing developments which are still ongoing in the village as I write this, we are yet to establish the consequences of these developments without adding further compromising housing of over 200+ to the village.- a small co-operative village shop that has no car parking facilities and very narrow roads leading to the shop on a very difficult existing junction. Already parking is often illegal and risky around the co-op and adding a larger volume of vehicles to this area would likely increase the risk of accidents to the area. <p>2) Increased volume of traffic -</p> <p>With both train and bus transport systems running very skeleton services to Shepley an increase in the population would inevitably increase the volume of traffic in the local area. Roads are very narrow in Shepley to most local services this would increase risk of accidents. We already have a few roads in the Shepley area which are high risk accident spots - the A629 has heavy vehicles already passing through and speeding is a regular problem. The zebra crossing off the junction with the co-operative sees many vehicles miss the warning signs and racing through as pedestrians are standing alongside the crossing waiting to cross.</p> <p>3) We have seen ongoing housing developments in the Shepley area, having lived here for 20 years, with one development still in progress, this has seen a dramatic increase in the population already, rendering local services and facilities stretched. The ongoing developments are yet to be finalised and not all have been purchased either</p>	

ongoing developments are yet to be finalised and not all have been purchased either, we are yet to understand the negative impact this will have on the local area, I would suggest that it is sensible to see the impact of this before planning to develop further 200+ houses to the small area. Kirklees have surely met their targets for our local area already with these two other developments still in progress.

4) One way system -

The proposed one way system around the local roads would undoubtedly cause chaos and increase the risk of accidents. Around this one way system are snickets used by the local community especially children heading to the first school, increasing traffic would likely increase accident risk.

Also Shepley can get very bad snow and ice in the winter months, the proposed route for one way would take traffic down an extremely steep hill and traffic would enter the dangerous A629 at the bottom and a very difficult blind bend to get out of.

The one way system would also impact the Shepley springs business, this is a local business employing many local people, if the system was to be introduced the business may have to move elsewhere leaving local employees unemployed.

5) Green belt -

The land proposed in this planning application is actually on greenbelt land. Areas such as this are to be protected and not planned to be built on - this needs to be looked at and stopped.

In conclusion the impact on local amenities and services, the lack of thought for green belt land, heavy traffic and increased risk of accident black spots would surely render this application as an unsustainable challenge. With two very recent developments still ongoing and the unknown impact on the local area from these, surely a pause on new developments would be appropriate in this instance.