

About the application

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| 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

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| Type of comment: An objection | |
| Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously? | Yes |
| <p>I'm a Shepley resident and object to planning application 2025/92776 on several counts.</p> <p>It proposes to build on productive Green Belt that should be protected. I can't see any valid reason to reclassify the land for residential development.</p> <p>The application poses a risk to the quality of water extracted by Shepley Spring and the continuance of the business. This must be avoided, they are a national supplier that has invested heavily in the area, are a significant important local employer and have supported the village in a variety of ways for many years.</p> <p>It's doubtful the sewer network has sufficient capacity or can be increased for the size of the proposed development.</p> <p>The site access is inadequate and potentially dangerous. The probable increase in cars combined with the proposed one-way road system will create traffic bottlenecks at The Knowle and Lea Drive. The latter has a short but steep decent to Abbey Road, often icy in winter months, an egress route frequently avoided by locals but in the proposal would be the only exit route!</p> <p>Transport and Amenities. Public transport in Shepley is poor, already failing to provide an adequate service to existing residents, particularly commuters. There is no parking facility at the railway station. Train services recently operating with less than 60% on time. One station platform has no disabled access or facility for pushchairs. Local bus services are only hourly and very limited if any in the evenings and at weekends.</p> <p>Shepley Health Centre is already stretched to provide an appropriate service. The village primary school is close to capacity and forecast to be full by 2028. Banks Group refer to the village Co-Op as a supermarket but the reality is it's a village store without any dedicated car parking facility. Consequently there is heavy traffic and car parking congestion at the Marsh lane / Station Road junction that will be even worse with the building of 110 more houses and c200 more cars.</p> <p>Facilities in the village are already at or beyond capacity and would need to be drastically improved to accommodate further housing development. If we are to build more houses we need to be building communities. This proposal feels like the very opposite and I urge Kirklees Council to reject it, protect our Green Belt and preserve the rural character of Shepley.</p> | |