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Sent: 08 December 2025 21:20
To: DC Admin
Subject: Objection to planning application 2025/60/92776/E land at Eastfield, Shepley, Huddersfield, HD8 8HB

Dear Sir/Madam,

Having grown up in Shepley, and now raising my own children in the village, I object to the proposal to build on greenbelt land adjacent to Eastfield for the following reasons:

- Such a large development will significantly increase the traffic passing through Knowle Park Avenue, Eastfield and Lea Drive. The roads were not designed to handle the current levels of traffic, and will be unable to cope with an additional 200+ cars. There are regularly cars parked, or double parked, on the roads throughout the estate, with a significant increase in parking at the end of Knowle Park Avenue since the recent development on Abbey Road. The proposed one way system is simply unworkable. Local people know never to attempt to leave by the top of Lea Drive in icy or snowy weather given the steep hill down to the A629 and the significant risk of skidding out into a busy main road. By making this the only exit for the existing residents, 200 additional cars and the significant school traffic at morning and afternoon school run times the risk of a serious accident, potentially involving young children, is huge. There is already congestion at the Lea Drive/Stonecroft Gardens junction during school drop off and pick up times, and have been previous 'near misses' with young children crossing the road. I believe the significant increase in traffic poses a serious risk to the safety of our children. Surely there are alternative locations where housing can be built that links directly with main routes rather than weaving it's way through an existing estate.
- I do not believe that the developer's suggestion that the new residents will use public transport is plausible given the poor public transport we have locally. Trains are frequently cancelled or delayed and there are only steps available to access one of the platforms meaning anyone with mobility issues/pushchairs etc. is unable to travel by train towards Sheffield. The bus service does not run on evenings or Sundays. I believe residents would be far more likely to travel by car meaning a significant increase in traffic.
- The village Coop is a small convenience store, and not a Supermarket as the developers suggest. It is not equipped for residents to utilise for their regular weekly shop and therefore residents will either drive to Supermarkets or order online shops leading to yet more delivery vehicles on the estate alongside those such as amazon etc.
- Our children currently enjoy riding their bikes and playing sports with their friends in the street. They learnt to ride their bikes here yet 200+ additional cars, along with delivery vehicles etc. will make this impossible going forward. This is likely to discourage children

from playing outside and getting exercise by taking away a safe and accessible area to play. Childhood obesity is a national crisis and the Local Authority should be doing everything possible to tackle this. If Kirklees grant planning permission I believe they will be prioritising housing developments over the health and wellbeing of children and young people.

- The land is actively farmed greenbelt land. It serves a valuable purpose. The developer appears to be trying to ignore the local plan. Greenbelt exists to safeguard the countryside. If this development is allowed to proceed it sets a dangerous precedent that the countryside is no longer important to the Local Authority. The village will significantly increase in size and the whole feel of the area will change. What makes Shepley so special will be lost.
- The developers appear to be attempting to suggest that by changing greenbelt land to housing this will somehow benefit the environment. I do not understand how this is at all plausible given the damage that will be done to the existing wildlife habitats and the significant reduction in the biodiversity of the area. Our home backs directly onto the proposed development and we are currently fortunate enough to enjoy a wide variety of birds and animals who visit and nest in our garden, including regular bullfinches, goldfinches, house sparrows, robins, woodpeckers, bluetits, pheasants and greenfinches. Our young children love to learn about the different species, however I do not believe there will be many to see should this development proceed.
- The current sewer system on Lea Drive/Knowle Park Avenue is already inadequate. There have been frequent problems over the years and Yorkshire Water have already said they cannot support the proposal given that the area is not part of the local plan and the current sewer system cannot cope with the increase in demand.
- The site lies directly on top of Shepley Spring's SPZ1 and poses a significant risk to the future of the business. Shepley Spring is an extremely valuable local employer and this development risks irreparable damage to their water source.

I sincerely hope that the local authority will recognise how unsuitable and unworkable this proposal is.

Yours sincerely

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