

Address: 115, Stocks Way, Huddersfield, HD8 8DN

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

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The proposed site is classed as greenbelt – something that should be protected and not exploited by housing developments. Building on greenbelt should only be considered when all other options have been exhausted. This is valuable agricultural land.

Risk to local business - The development puts Shepley spring at risk with water contamination. This is a major employer in the area and the loss of this business would have a huge impact on the village.

Shepley's suitability for further development as stated in the applicants grey belt assessment report, "Shepley is considered as a sustainable settlement that can support some housing growth (Feb 2019 – Kirklees plan)" – Please note the word SOME, since this statement, several housing developments have already been built in the area – some of which remain unfinished, putting into question the ability for this rural village to cope with further development.

Schools - Shepley first school is already almost at capacity with no spaces in the younger years – my child has been on the waiting list for over 2 years. As it's a listed building it is unlikely it will be able to expand. The next nearest schools are Birdsedge and Shelley both limited spaces and neither are accessible via public transport from Shepley.

A sustainable location is one where the need to travel is minimised. As mentioned there is not the school capacity in the area for another development, forcing families to drive to schools. There is a small convenience store in the village, however the weekly shop requires either a drive of a few miles to the nearest supermarket or an increase in food delivery vans in the area, same for any other type of shopping.

Utilities – Would the current services be able to cope with 110 additional homes? We have already experienced multiple power cuts in the past week, additional housing would only exasperate this.

Transportation – Both bus and train transportation is limited to 1 per hour but this is very unreliable, so it is likely that most would resort to car travel as primary transport method adding to congestion and pollution.

Highway safety – there is a zebra crossing on Abbey road regularly used by school children, additional traffic would make this crossing more dangerous. The road outside the co-op is already heavily congested, the village cannot cope with further cars. There is also the widely reported accident hotspot up by the sovereign which will not be helped by additional traffic.