



I object to this proposed planning application of c110 properties on agricultural / green belt land. Shepley is a relatively small village with limited infrastructure and public services. Building another 110 properties on this proposed land would have an over bearing impact on the surrounding area. Impacting on the natural environment, landscape, character of the village, wildlife and residents own right to peaceful enjoyment of their homes.

Within close proximity of this proposed site, numerous developments have already been undertaken which has changed the street scene of what is a semi-rural village to more of an urban village, without additional infrastructure or services being provided. In my opinion, there is a limit to the amount of additional development Shepley or indeed any neighbouring village can take and this limit has already been surpassed.

One of the major concerns is the Highways aspect. Lea Drive / Stonecroft Gardens is the main route for children getting to Shepley School, whether walking through the estate or being dropped off / picked up by parents in vehicles. At school drop off / pickup times the area is already populated by parked vehicles, parents and children going to and from school. With additional vehicles travelling through this particular area on a one way system at these commuting times is a serious danger to ALL pedestrian and road users' safety.

It should also be considered that the steep gradient of the road from Lea Drive to the A629 is treacherous in winter when snow and ice make driving conditions unsafe. In bad weather the proposed one way system would prevent many people from leaving their homes in their vehicles as the access to the A629 is already a challenging one with snow / ice. Hence people use the Knowle as a secondary exit to avoid 'sliding' down Lea Drive onto the main road. It should also be noted that the line of sight from Lea Drive to the main road is already compromised with vehicles parked on the main road and within close proximity of a zebra crossing.

With an additional minimum c220 vehicle journeys using this section of the road every day (assuming as a minimum each of the 110 proposed new properties are two car families making one outward / return journey per day) the congestion this could potentially cause is unacceptable and not what the estate road was built and intended for.

The current situation is bad enough in itself before you consider the additional large site vehicles driving within the vicinity of an already densely populated residential estate. Currently cars park both sides of the road and sometimes it's now difficult for a car to manoeuvre, let alone large quantities of large site vehicles.

I urge Kirklees Planning Team to make the right decision and reject this planning application.