



I am against Kirklees allowing developers to build on Green belt before utilising brown belt. There are so many empty buildings within Kirklees which could be brought back to life to provide the affordable housing which is needed and seemed to be highlighted as a priority.

Under the government's plans, if a council's housing targets cannot be met some existing green belt land will be re-designated as grey belt. However, also under government plans, it is low quality green belt should be freed up to become part of a grey belt to allow new homes to be built. - where Banks Group are wanting to build is not low quality green belt!

What sense does it make to ruin the character of the village - surely protecting wildlife (some which live here are protected species), natural habitat and encouraging use of productive agricultural land are essential and part of the governments agricultural policy on food security. The area is one which is valuable green space which is enjoyed by the local community and those from surrounding villages.

Kirklees wish to be carbon neutral by 2030, yet this development would contradict this policy.

There is already an ongoing development and one which has been left unfinished due to the developer going into liquidation. What if the same happens again? More unfinished building sites in the village?

The exit for these houses is planned to be one way through yet another estate dropping down straight onto the Abbey road. Accessibility is an issue - increase of traffic on what is a very busy road will add to the risk of accidents of which there are many already for all road users and pedestrians.

The infrastructure has not been updated to accommodate what will likely be a further 300 + people living in the village. The coop whilst a supermarket is small with roadside parking for a couple of vehicles. the roads i the village are narrow.

Can it be guaranteed that there will be no impact on the water extraction at Shepley Spring, which provides employment for local people and those living in Huddersfield and beyond.

Would the developer/Kirklees provide support for the village facilities due to the impact of the increase of housing - such as an extension of the doctor's surgery and ensure the safety of all Shepley residents on the roads?

The impact of the increase in the number of residents in the village would not just affect Shepley, but Shelley, Kirkburton and other villages close by. If there continues to be road closures like the area has just seen on the main A629 whereby diversions have gone through Kirkburton, this will also have wider effects. Please Kirklees do not spoil rural and semi-rural areas before looking at other more suitable alternatives and use common sense.