

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

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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I am writing to object to the proposed development of 110 residential dwellings in Shepley, Huddersfield. While I understand the need for housing, this specific proposal is unsuitable for the location and would have a detrimental impact on the village and its residents. My objections are outlined below:

Shepley is a small village with limited educational, medical, and community resources. Local schools are already at or near capacity, with no realistic ability to absorb a substantial increase in pupil numbers. Similarly, access to GP practices and NHS services in the surrounding area is already strained, with many residents reporting long wait times for appointments.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) clearly states that developments should not proceed where they place an unacceptable strain on existing infrastructure or where that infrastructure cannot be expanded in a sustainable manner. At present, Shepley does not have the facilities to support such a significant population increase.

The village's road network is not designed to accommodate the increased traffic that 110 additional homes would generate. Congestion during school hours and peak commuting times is already an issue, and adding hundreds of new vehicle movements per day would:

- Increase queues and delays,
- Heighten the risk of accidents,
- Create further pressure on narrow rural roads.

This directly contradicts NPPF guidance requiring developments to ensure safe, suitable, and sustainable access for all road users.

Moreover, such a large-scale development is not in keeping with the size, heritage, or identity of the village, which has grown modestly and organically over many decades. The NPPF emphasises that planning should protect and enhance valued landscapes and ensure development is sympathetic to local character—this proposal does neither.

Shepley lacks the public transport links, employment centres, and service capacity to support a sudden and significant population increase. The NPPF requires developments to be sustainable, deliverable, and properly supported by infrastructure—criteria this proposal does not meet.

In its current form and at this current time, the development is not appropriate, not proportionate, and not in the best interests of the local community.

Kind regards,