

Address: 36b Station road Shepley, Huddersfield

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 wish to lodge a formal objection to the above planning proposal, as I believe the development would cause significant and lasting harm to the village of Shepley and its surrounding environment.

1. Impact on Rural Character and Setting

Shepley's charm lies in its rural setting, historic buildings, and low-density layout. The proposed development does not align with the established scale or architectural style of the village. Introducing a development of this size would disrupt the visual coherence of the area and undermine the distinctive landscape that defines Shepley. Approving this application would open the door to further expansion that could permanently change the village's identity.

2. Strain on Existing Infrastructure

Local infrastructure in Shepley is already stretched. Roads such as those leading through the village are narrow, frequently congested, and not suited to an increase in vehicle movements. Additional traffic would heighten safety concerns for pedestrians, schoolchildren, and cyclists. Likewise, local services—including schools, GP availability, and public transport—are limited and cannot support a substantial increase in population without considerable investment, none of which is guaranteed within this application.

3. Environmental Considerations

The land earmarked for development plays an important role in supporting local wildlife and maintaining natural drainage. Building on this greenfield site would disrupt habitats and remove valuable green space that helps manage surface water, increasing the risk of flooding. The ecological reports submitted do not convincingly demonstrate that biodiversity will be preserved or that environmental harm will be adequately mitigated.

4. Unsuitable and Unsustainable Location

Given Shepley's limited facilities, most new residents would rely heavily on car travel for essential services, commuting, and daily activities. This contradicts both local and national planning aims that encourage reducing car dependency and protecting rural landscapes. The proposal fails to show how it would contribute to genuinely sustainable development.

5. Lack of Tangible Community Benefit

While the application references potential contributions, these do not outweigh the negative effects of the development. There is no clear evidence that it meets the specific needs of the local community, particularly regarding genuinely affordable homes or improvements to existing services and infrastructure.