



I am writing to object strongly to the proposed development off Eastfield. I object to any building on agricultural Greenbelt land when there are Greyfield sites available elsewhere. We should preserve Greenbelt, not destroy it, otherwise our green and pleasant land will not exist. The character of our villages should be preserved, not destroyed by mass urbanisation. We already have three other housing development sites in the Shepley currently being constructed and we do not need another. It is important to preserve our fields and open spaces for both crop production and for the mental health and well-being of all residents, thereby mitigating the pressure and consequent cost on already stretched health services.

Vehicle access to the proposed site would be dangerous with the road being narrow and steep, 1 in 7 off Lea Drive. Congestion already occurs especially around school pick up and drop off times. An extra 200 + cars would cause dangerous congestion on already very busy village roads, causing more accidents, injuries and fatalities. The sovereign Junction is already an accident black spot.

The Victorian sewage system does not have the capacity to cope with any further house building, as confirmed by Yorkshire Water.

Public transport is poor and unreliable – an hourly bus service with no buses after 6 o'clock in the evening and no service on a Sunday and an hourly train service on a single-track line with statistics showing that 50% of the time trains are either late or don't run at all. Hence further pressure on the roads.

A construction site on the proposed fields would also threaten the viability of Shepley Spring, which employs 130 people by the possible contamination of their water supply.