

I wish to object to the proposal to build on land at Eastfield.

My primary objection relates to the unsuitability of the access roads leading to the entrance to the proposed development.

The access from Abbey Road onto Lea Drive is totally unsuitable -

The gradient is too steep, and is notoriously difficult in frosty or snowy weather. It is also too narrow especially for large vehicles, not only during construction work but subsequently. Lea Drive and Eastfield are quiet residential roads, the character of which will be severely spoilt should the development go ahead.

The volume of traffic generated and using Eastfield will be very large – not only residents of the new development and their vehicles but also visitors cars, delivery vehicles, tradesmen etc. contributing to this.

Visitors to Eastfield currently park on the road and this would make access to the new development difficult.

The proposed development is on green belt land, which should remain so, additional housing here would further damage the character of a valued village.

The land should not be reclassified as grey belt.

The station does not have parking, trains are not frequent and the track is in places single track. Access to the station is not good for anyone with mobility issues.

Bus services are infrequent and limited.

The village does not have a supermarket – There is a good local Convenience store but it cannot be described as a supermarket because of size, range of goods and lack of parking.

The proposed development will put further pressure on the already stretched infrastructure – particularly doctors' surgery, dentist, schooling and broadband speed dilution.

There are many other issues pertinent to the unsuitability of this site

- Insufficient capacity to deal with foul water – inadequacy of the sewer.
- Damage to the viability of a well established spring water company's business – a good local employer.

In conclusion in my opinion there are far too many issues which make this a totally unsuitable planning proposal and it should be refused.