

Address: 89-91 Lane Head Rd Shepley

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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

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I would like to object to the plan for the following reasons.

The Banks Group proposal makes much of the village's transport links. However, the hourly bus services are very poor. There are no buses to or from Huddersfield after 18.40, so commuting to and from work will be extremely difficult.

Car traffic on the A 629 is already unsafe. There have been several fatal accidents and some nasty non fatal crashes within a few hundred yards of the proposed estate exit road in the last few years, adding traffic to this congested situation will make the main road extremely dangerous. There is already a notorious black spot just south of the village at the Sovereign crossroads.

Site access to the proposed area is through narrow, quiet residential streets with winding turns. This will cause issues for current residents, their parking, and their children. Further, a proposed one way system is likely to be a danger to road users and pedestrians. The suggested exit, from Lea Rd, is a small road, and steep. In fact it is steeper than current Kirklees policy allows for developments.

The trains either way are once per hour and the delay record stands at 43.6%. One of the station platforms is not fully accessible and has a steep descent to the tracks.

There is also very poor parking at the station, on a small residential street.

The Banks proposal calls the village Co-Op shop a supermarket. This is extremely misleading. The shop is a local convenience store, much smaller in size than the 280 square metres that defines a supermarket or large store. There is also no car park for the shop, and only a few spaces outside on a side road, which itself is right on a difficult three way junction.

The site is planned on an area of Green Belt, and despite some spurious claims by the Banks Group, the UK Government policy does not allow this.

The plan also does not take into account any "necessary improvements to local or national infrastructure".

The health centre in Shepley village already has a wide catchment area, and suffers a considerable amount on pressure on services. An increase of the numbers suggested by the Banks plan would cause a serious decline in service levels.

The school is also near to capacity, and with a current development yet to

be completed, this would likely bring the school to full capacity, without the addition of children from the Banks development.