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Sent: 14 January 2026 13:48
To: DC Admin
Subject: Proposed Shepley development

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Planning reference 2025/92776

I am writing to voice my concerns over the above proposed development in Shepley, Huddersfield and object to the plans.

I am not a local resident but grew up on the adjacent housing estate and visit my parents there every week.

My main concern is the impact on my parents' lives and the environmental impact. Having grown up the Lea Drive estate, I am concerned about the impact on the appearance of the surrounding area, which I believe will be drastically impacted by the proposed development. The village of Shepley is known to be an attractive area, with plenty of green space and woodland surrounding the well established comfort of community and the village feel. This has always been a beautiful area for all ages to be able to explore and take local walks. Whenever we visit my parents, we take advantage of the beautiful walks and scenery on the doorstep. The proposed development will impact the appearance and the opportunity to explore the local area and the access to green spaces, so desperately needed in the modern world.

Additionally, I am concerned about the practical everyday impact this will have on my parents, who are not yet elderly, but will be in the not-too-distant future. The initial building of the homes will greatly impact their daily life, with a massively increased volume of traffic passing by the door daily, raising the possibility of traffic accidents. As much as the proposals state that there should be no obstructions to pedestrians and avoidance of kerb side parking, this will be inevitable, due to lack of space. The increase in traffic will not cease once the proposed development is complete-the very nature of the potential number of houses will increase daily traffic and potential for children to be allowed to play outside, as we did growing up. Proposing a one-way system through Knowle Park Avenue, Eastfield and Lea Drive, will mean all traffic will enter Abbey Road South down a short steep hill-extremely difficult for large vehicles at all times and especially in winter when this section of Lea Drive becomes almost impassible. A real danger for our parents! The two way system needs to remain in place to allow safe access for all residents.

My other main concern is regarding access to a local GP. Again, with an aging generation already living in Shepley and with many young families too, the current Shepley Health Centre will be stretched to unmanageable levels. It is already difficult to secure an appointment according to my family members. The vast increase in the number of people moving to Shepley as a result of this

potential development will only lead to a worrying decline in health services (& education for the younger generation, as Shepley First school takes more demand).

I do not think the proposed development should go ahead for a plethora of reasons, but my main concerns are detailed above. Surely, the well-being and safety of the current local residents should take president in this case and, all things considered, the housing development does not propose any benefit to these residents and creates more dangerous problems.