

97 Saunders Lane

Mayford

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Planning Policy Team

Dear Sirs

Woking 2027 DPD consultation.

Site References referred to below ; GB 7, GB8,GB9,GB10 and GB11

I was saddened and surprised that Woking council would consider the amendment to the green belt as has been suggested in the consultation document.

The green belts around the country were created by our forefather's with a vision, who recognised that it was essential to keep conurbations separated so that residents and visitors felt part of an ecologically balanced place to Live ,work and play.

Rather than considering Green Belt, all other options of using brown sites, in- fill on currently built up areas has to be revisited. The need for more housing has to be for current local population requirements and not building because it is considered that many people from other parts of the UK, Europe or other parts of the world wished to live in Woking borough.

I have lived in Woking for 48 years and have watched with concern how land has been gobbled up for development, some I am sure for need, other to satisfy the hunger of the developer. Mayford roads in particular are narrow and are limited in use by narrow bridges over the railway and local stream. The Roads at present are already at a virtual standstill in the morning and evening rush hour, so additional traffic will be impossible to absorb. A new school, which I understand is agreed, with 400 pupils, will being generous, add another 200 cars at peak time on to the Egley road.

If you then allow housing to be built on any of the referenced sites, for which I strongly object, the added traffic will cause great stress and grid lock the area. At the moment a great number of vehicles use the roads around Mayford as "rat runs" to avoid Woking and surrounds to get to the A3 road etc.

Mayford is not well provided with doctors surgeries and currently one has to wait for appointments for several weeks or present yourself at the surgery when they open in the hope you will be seen.

Neither is there local dentist, shops and other amenities that would be required for an influx of residents

Mayford has a number of traveller sites in the area and it seems that creating another site in the green belt will attract more travellers to the area. A more urban area would be more suitable, if it is proven there is a need, as it would benefit from access to jobs, shops and other services.

Woking and the surrounding villages cannot keep accepting more development unless it is in place of other existing commercial and private properties.

The Land North of Saunders Lane is at present used by people from around the area to exercise their dogs and to take their family for a walk in a rural area.

The field to the side of the village hall is I understand owned by the council and includes a small children's play area

I would like to suggest that in this consultation, housing is ruled out, and that all the green belt land north Saunders lane is turned into a park where Woking people can enjoy family outings. It would link perfectly with Smarts Heath and Prey Heath SSSI's both for wild life and human life. The Village Hall, bowling green and Emanuel Church add to the enjoyment of the area for visitors.

Finally I appeal to the Council to reconsider the recommendations of Peter Brett and Associates who have given misguided information and in my opinion not considered the full picture.