



97 Saunders Lane
Mayford, Woking,
Surrey GU22ONR

8th July 2015

Woking Borough Council
Civic Offices, Gloucester Square,
Woking, Surrey. GU21 6YL

Dear Sirs,

RE: Woking 2027 DPD Consultation
Site references: GB7, GB8, GB9, GB10, GB11

We have been residents in the Woking area for 48 years, 38 of which we have lived at this address.

I am responding to the DPD Consultation and have been made aware of the Woking 2027 planning proposals which will have a devastating effect on Mayford. We are a village and you are clearly endeavouring to change our environment and make it into an urban sprawl to join up with Woking. I am strongly opposed to any housing developments at the cost of losing very precious greenbelt land. The planners of many years ago had the intelligence and foresight to realise the importance of green space to all people, creatures and all vegetation. Handle with care because once the green belt is eroded, we shall not get it back. You still have a number of brownfield areas which should be used if extra housing is really necessary.

Site ref GB7 – Ten Acre Farm. Travellers site. Mayford has three sites already within a small area and I would suggest if more space is needed for these people then they should be allocated another area and nearer to a town with more facilities.

Site ref GB8 – Nursery land adjacent Egley Road

Site ref GB9 - Woking Garden Centre

I am opposed to housing being erected on these sites. We already have congestion on the Egley Road with so much through traffic. You have recently agreed to more housing in Westfield so that should be our quota for the area to ensure that we do not become over populated – please remember, we are a village and want it to stay that way.

We note that a school is planned for Egley Road site to accommodate about 400 students. That will indicate about another 200 cars to add to the congestion on the road.

Sites GB10 and GB11 – Saunders Lane, Mayford.

This area should not have been recommended as suitable for a housing estate. It is green, it is rural, it is a recreational area enjoyed by many people for relaxation. Your planners may be fulfilling their brief to find a space to design and build a housing estate but it does not mean that you or we should accept their recommendations. It is the wrong suggestion for the wrong place. The people who choose to live here did (and do) so because of its character, its openness, its narrow roads, few pavements, even less street lights. Access is over narrow bridges, we have no doctors surgery, one shop, two pubs. We are not complaining about any of this because this is what we like. We want to keep our village and its rural identity and not become part of Woking. If we do not have adequate housing in this area, people will have to go where they can be accommodated.

Look to the future – preserve our green belt. Maintain the vision of your predecessors and preserve the open green belt spaces for the health of all. Cities, towns and villages are necessary but all should be kept separated with open, green, spaces.

Please also refer to the response by the Mayford Village Society who I am happy also to represent my views.

I hope you will see reason in this letter and thank you for reading it.

Yours faithfully,

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Mrs. Wendy Aldous