

Objection to Release of green belt land in Upshot Lane , Pyrford

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To: Planning Policy; Jeni Jackson

Cc: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms Jackson,

I am writing to you as I am very concerned about the proposal to release green belt land to build over 400 new houses in Pyrford.

Myself and my family moved to Pyrford 6 years ago, because of the beautiful surroundings and peaceful village atmosphere. It was a place to bring up our Children in a safe environment. A safe environment was very important to us and no doubt many other families whom moved to this area.

In terms of safety this area does simply not have the infrastructure to support so many new households. Pyrford C of E Primary School has been massively oversubscribed in recent years, and that is even without the additional applications that would be generated by families moving into the new houses. The nearest doctor surgery is in West Byfleet, and I doubt very much that they have the capacity to take on potentially 1000 new patients. As for Dentistry, myself and my family have to travel to Staines to get treatment due to a lack of NHS facilities.

However the most serious point in regards to safety remains with the potential increase of 800+ cars trying to use our local roads. This will lead to absolute gridlock and more importantly increase the level of risk to our children enormously! Coldharbour Road will clearly be a main route for the increased number of cars, and there is already a significant problem on this road, especially during term time. Cars will frequently mount the curb to pass each other, putting pedestrians in extreme danger. There have been several dozen near misses, I have witnessed myself and I rarely do the school run. I actually leave at 7.00am so I can miss the immense traffic increase from 8 onwards. However my wife was witness to an actual accident when a young child was thrown across the road when he was hit by a car. Thankfully only superficial damage, however you are now trying to build an additional 400 houses in the same zone! You truly believe that putting 400 houses on an already high risk area is the correct decision? A potential extra 800 cars using the road! Accidents involving children being hit by cars, and the risk to pedestrians is will increase dramatically if the new houses are allowed to be built. It's just a matter of time before something more serious happens and I assure you the blame will be squarely on this ridiculous decision to build 400 houses so close to an already overloaded school road.

I will be taking this up with my local M.P

Kind Regards,

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