

## **FW: Green Belt Land Developments around Pyrford**

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To: Jeni Jackson

Subject: Green Belt Land Developments around Pyrford

Dear Ms. Jackson,

We are sorry that this is yet another missive regarding the planning arrangements for Pyrford. While accepting that our population is increasing, we would like to ask why nobody thought of this when we imported one million souls into the UK on a petulant government strategy. Similarly, the weak Mr. Cameron has also little intention of gripping this problem as the funds in the UK continue to evaporate.

However, we are where we are, and the above is a weak rationale for nimbyism! Notwithstanding, we really must object on a number of grounds.

1. The government's stated purposes for Green Belt are completely negated by these proposals.
2. The infrastructure around the village of Pyrford will not cope with any further large expansion, considering that with the Wisley airfield expansion of some 2,000 new homes, Newark Lane will be an impossible rat-run for people trying to access Woking and its station. Need I say more than refer you to the recent TV news item on the 7.42 am train to London being the worst train journey in the country.
3. Why do we have to have separate developments all over the borough? Would it not be better to build a completely new town development outside Woking? Might I suggest Witney in Oxfordshire, where there appears to be ample land! Failing this, as I am sure Mr. Cameron would object, perhaps the land of the ex-Traditions Golf Club would be suitable.
4. This proposal completely goes against the idea of urban sprawl and small villages merging into one.

5. Pyrford is a very old village and apart from the fifties, has remained both a tight community and a desirable place to live. With its unique history and culture. its ancient footpaths and buildings, its breathtaking views over the North downs, it is essential we maintain the special setting and character of our village or we will yet again lose something very precious.

6. It will become absolutely necessary to re-design all the roads around Pyrford and this side of Woking, especially if the Broadoaks and West Hall developments also go ahead, together with those also proposed in Byfleet.

7. Additionally, how can our schools and health services cope with such hugely increased numbers? The health services are already under pressure. We know - we have to use them!

8. We are trying to imagine the chaos that will ensue should these developments go ahead. Our experience to date is not good, and the re-piping of the gas mains on the Old Woking Road is going to take 38 weeks! I am sure you are aware that at one time only three people will be working on this project.

9. We are aware, too, of the pinch-points in this exercise, ie. getting into Ripley from Newark Lane and the advanced thinking which was exercised when re-building the two bridges in Newark Lane between Pyrford and Ripley. They are still the same width!

We hope that our points are taken into consideration. As I am sure you will agree, this is a much bigger problem than has been outlined. We do believe that perhaps the hierarchy on Woking Council will be as vociferous in saying 'NO' to the government as they were in saying 'YES' to global warming.

Yours sincerely,

Michael and Patricia Baker

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