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Dear Sir / Madam

**Regarding : Woking 2027 DPD Consultation**

We have been Mayford residents for some 2 years now and would like to express our extreme concern at the various planning proposals that may impact on Mayford in the future.

We have lived in the borough of Woking for 40 years, 38 of them in Horsell village. During that time the volume of traffic and population density in Horsell and Woking increased greatly. Having moved here specifically to enjoy the open spaces and benefit from the surrounding greenbelt areas it is appalling to discover these amenities could now be under threat. There doesn't appear to be any awareness on the part of the Planning Department that residents of Mayford have chosen to live in a separate village with its own rural identity as opposed to living in Woking town.

The particular sites to which I strongly object are as follows:-

**Site References: GB10: GB11: GB14 (Land north east and north west of Saunders Lane and land adjacent to Hook Heath Lane)**

My family and I enjoy regular walks within these areas of open space along with many other residents with children and dogs in tow - the relatively steep incline offers excellent views of the surrounding countryside. Apart from the loss of this amenity the extensive wildlife in the area will be depleted not only on the sites themselves but on the adjoining common land.

The proposals will cause a major increase in traffic both from the construction works, which may be temporary, but more importantly from the increase in population density arising from the development. This will cause gridlock on Smarts Heath Road (unless a new railway bridge is constructed!). Pollution from stationary vehicles will also be significant particularly to properties at the eastern end of Saunders Lane and Smarts Heath Road.

Any additional developments in these areas will without doubt put severe strain on the existing services such as the soil and surface water sewers. Also another aspect which should be taken into account is the steep incline of this particular site which we referred to previously in this letter. Any development will obviously greatly reduce the existing porous surface and could potentially cause surface water flooding problems to the lower properties in Saunders Lane.

It seems outrageous that the once protected areas of greenbelt land should now be threatened by potential development sites in this way.

**Site Reference GB7 (Land at 10 Acre Farm, Smarts Heath Road)**

Again we strongly object to the proposal to increase the number of Traveller Pitches on this land. There are already a significant amount of these sites in the area and I can see no justification for any further expansion which would obviously have an impact on the adjoining common land.

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

Yours faithfully

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