

## **Proposed development in Pyrford 400+ houses**

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Dear Woking Borough Council

cc: Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum

We live in Engliff Lane and back onto one of the fields in Upshot Lane (via a couple of gardens in Aviary Road) that is proposed for development. We strongly object to the use of green belt land for housing and support the Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum in their representations to you.

We are lucky in Pyrford to have areas of unspoilt countryside and public footpaths for family walks; we do not want to lose these. Additionally, the Aviary Road area is a Conservation Area and I would have thought the fields would fall into this? We also have historic buildings and heritage assets within Pyrford, which if you start removing Green Belt status, could be put at risk.

As I am sure you are aware only in January of this year the Woodland Trust planted a hedgerow of trees along Sandy Lane, bordering the proposed development. These trees were designed to stand as a living memorial to the residents of Pyrford who died in the First World War and foster wild life, I believe the development would seriously threaten this legacy.

We can see that there is some traffic monitoring going on within Pyrford. During school drop off and pick up times, Coldharbour Road is a dangerous and busy place to be and is often gridlocked. Even crossing the road can take a long time as drivers are driving too fast. The addition of 400+ new houses would only add to this congestion and make the roads more dangerous.

The Crossing Patrol Officer for the school has not been replaced. You cannot rely on a driver to stop at the zebra crossing - the roads here are not adequately safe for the school. Pyrford cannot cope with drivers from 400+ homes - and the argument that they would walk, does not hold up, as many parents need to drive and then continue their journey to work.

Whilst the school is not confirming it will be any bigger once it has been rebuilt - clearly it is of modular design - there is no infrastructure in Pyrford to support 400+ homes and the need for school places, doctors and shops that this would drive. There is also the ecological impact (water and sewerage) to be considered. Also the impact on the environment and wildlife in the area.

I understand there is a need for homes and would be supportive of fewer homes but 400+ is just way too many - especially when there is another proposal to build at Wisley Airfield, where there is also space to allow for supporting infrastructure.

Pyrford Village is a community where people want to live and this revolves around it being a pleasant environment. The character of the Village is important to maintain but we are already at bursting point so thought should be given to Schools and Pre-

Schools; downsizing options for mature citizens so they do not have to leave the area; affordable homes ( I have friends that would love to live in Pyrford but rent is just too expensive and property prices too high for those starting on the property ladder ).

We want to keep Pyrford as it is. What with this proposal for 400+ homes and the new school proposal, Pyrford is in serious threat of losing its community and Village status and you should think again before you allow this to happen.

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