

**From:** Davinder Birk [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 31 July 2015 15:26

**To:** Jeni Jackson

**Subject:** Objection to development of houses on green land near Upshot Lane, Pyrford

Dear Jeni,

Having reviewed the proposals submitted by Working Borough Council for the development of more than 400 houses on green belt fields along Upshot Lane in Pyrford, I feel compelled to write to you to voice my objection to this.

My parents have lived in Pyrford for some 30 years, since I was the age of 5 and I have recently returned to the area after a number of years away at University and living in London because of my love of the local area, Pyrford village and the community here.

Pyrford is a Village and a community. Development on such a large scale will significantly alter the character of Pyrford in a way that cannot be reversed and to the detriment of life in the local area. It is my understanding that the designation of Green Belt land and building guidelines is to protect our environment and the character of villages such as Pyrford, so I cannot understand why the council are considering such a scheme.

I understand that Woking Borough Council have targets for homes to be built, but I believe that there are many opportunities to do this in a way that re-uses brown field land and redevelops existing structures, rather than eroding green spaces within the borough which can never be replaced. I also feel strongly that successful communities are borne from careful planning and the alignment of facilities, services and transport links with growth in residential capacity. Pyrford's local schools, health facilities and transport links are already oversubscribed and I cannot see how they can be successfully scaled in line with the residential proposals, at least not without irreversible changes to the character and community feel within Pyrford and also inevitable further encroachment onto green belt land.

I have visited many countries over the years and I am always thankful for the foresight that our predecessors had in protecting the English Countryside and villages such as Pyrford through the designation of the green belt so that future generations can enjoy it, please do not be the person to start the slide into urban expansion and encroachment that the green belt was designed to avoid in the first place.

Regards

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