

FW: Pyrford Green Belt Release

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Release of Pyrford Green Belt

Dear Ms. Jackson,

I strongly object to the WBC plan to release Pyrforde Green Belt for the following reasons.

It certainly appears that WBC are riding rough shod over residents on this issue, there has been very little or no public consultation with residents and no easily accessible source of information. The internet is the main source of WBC information, many residents, particularly the senior generation, have no Internet and thus no source of information at all.

In my life time in Pyrford I have been witness to as much as 25% of Pyrforde farmland being sold for development. In this instance the sale of land is for pure profit for the landowners and developers. There is no consideration whatsoever for residents or any aspect of the preserving the character of the village. Furthermore, no consideration has been given to road infrastructure to support potentially over four hundred houses and quite possibly an extra six to eight hundred cars. The vehicle situation is already dangerous and it is only a matter of time before there is a fatality. With this number of extra vehicles in the village, where will they go? Pyrford is gridlocked now and at school times in particular, is becoming increasingly more dangerous for everyone. Pyrford is already a rat run for vehicles coming off the A3, Send and Ripley villages and heading for Woking and West Byfleet. The A245 and B382, Old Woking Road are incredibly busy, a lot of that traffic comes through Pyrford on the B637 as well and meeting up with other traffic at The Marist roundabout causing more grid lock.

The Pyrford school is oversubscribed and is already taking pupils from West Byfleet and Maybury, where are these extra places to be found? Clearly a new school at Maybury should be one of the first considerations before even contemplating the building of more homes.

West Byfleet Health Centre and St Peters Hospital, how on earth are you going to accommodate the extra patients, in number that will in all

probability be at least a further 1600 people requiring medical attention. I am seriously beginning to question both individuals and the councils motives on this issue and there ability to govern.

There seems to be no desire from the Council to have proper and open discussions with residents on these issues. The six week consultation period is totally inadequate and is in most respects, in the Councils favour.

Surface water, Engliff Lane and Warren Lane both suffer badly when heavy rain falls and water supply in the village is already marginal.

In conclusion, I would suggest that the council have not given adequate thought as to the consequences of building on Green Belt land, particularly as there are other options in the borough for development opportunities.

The Councils process of communication is in my opinion poorly administered and in many areas, under scrutiny, lacks robustness and logic.

Pyrford is without doubt one of the jewels in Woking Councils Crown with excellent views, substantial wild life, farmland that is producing food for dairy cattle and very importantly, still has a neighbourly and village feel about it.

Why destroy such a lovely little piece of ancient England so a few people can make a lot of money, once it's built on it's gone forever!

Yours sincerely
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