

Woking 2027 DPD Consultation

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Dear Sirs,

Woking 2027 DPD Consultation

I have lived in Mayford for 30 years and am concerned about how the Woking 2027 planning proposals will dramatically change the village. My comments are not specific to any of your documents, however I will refer to the specific site references that I am concerned about.

Site Reference: GB7 (Ten Acre Farm, Smarts Heath Road)

I strongly object to the proposal to increase the number of Traveller Pitches on this land. We already have several sites within a three mile radius and Mayford already provides a major contribution towards the Traveller Community. There is no justification for further expansion in Mayford.

Additionally, Ten Acre Farm is adjacent to Smarts Heath Common, an SSSI, used by residents of Mayford for leisure purposes. Any increase in the present Traveller site of five caravans at 10 Acre Farm would decrease the visual amenity and character of the area and also increase risk to wildlife due to increased number of domestic animals in close proximity.

Over the years successive Planning Inspectors have refused applications on this site because they reduce the openness of a Green Belt area.

Site References

GB8 (Nursery land adjacent to Egley Road)

GB9 (Woking Garden Centre, Egley Road)

GB10 (Land to the north east of Saunders Lane, between Saunders Lane and Hook Hill Lane)

GB11 (Land to the north west of Saunders Lane)

GB14 (Land adjacent to Hook Hill Lane, Hook Heath)

I strongly object to the proposal for housing on all of the above sites.

The housing will fill in any green space between Mayford and Woking. Mayford will become a suburb of Woking and will increase the risk of merging Woking and Guildford. There appears to have been no thought for preserving Mayford as a separate settlement to Woking nor the impact on the village.

There also appears to have been no consideration to the impact on Mayford's infrastructure that the increased population will result in. More people mean more cars and more strain on the transport infrastructure. I live in Westfield Road which is supposedly a B road but is more like an A road with the amount of traffic including heavy lorries. What will it become if yet more vehicles are put into the mix? I understand that there are no plans to upgrade the roads or railway bridges nor robust solutions to deal with the existing traffic problems on Egley Road. Houses cannot just be built in areas that have no supporting infrastructure. There are few shops, more health services would be needed, additional water, sewage facilities et al.

Not only will the wildlife in the developed areas be wiped out but there will be increased risk to wildlife in our protected Heaths due to the proximity of the development.

PLEASE RECONSIDER your plans - what is currently planned will have dire effects on Mayford as a village. Mayford is unique in the UK and is mentioned in the Domesday Book.

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

Yours faithfully,

Frances Bunting (Mrs.)