

FW: PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSES ON GREEN BELT LAND

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Dear Ms Jackson,

A lot has already been said and written about the proposed new housing developments off Upshott Lane in Pyrford and in West Byfleet and Byfleet. Although we appreciate the considerable pressure Woking Borough Council is under to find more housing in the district, it seems to us that all current proposals are flawed because the critical issue of infrastructure improvements to cater for the additional number of people who would, as a consequence, live in the area has not been adequately addressed. Roads, schools, medical facilities, car parking and other facilities are already under extreme pressure and would simply be unable to cope with the proposed new influx of residents in the area. Surely WBC should already be acutely aware of these potential problems but we have not heard any convincing explanations of major steps that will be taken to cope with this increased use of current infrastructure. Until those concerns are convincingly addressed, we shall continue to oppose these proposed new housing developments.

On the wider issue, the construction of new housing on existing greenbelt land, WBC has not made a convincing case for overturning the very purposes for which greenbelt areas were originally established. Without a convincing case being made by WBC, we shall continue to oppose such random and opportunistic development incursions into greenbelt in the area. If a really good and convincing case can be made, we would love to hear it. Undoubted strong pressure from the county and central government to find more housing in the area is not, in itself, a reason for reducing greenbelt, as proposed.

Even if that case could be made and accepted by local residents, there remains the key issue we mentioned in the first paragraph – unless infrastructure concerns are met satisfactorily, the proposed new developments do not make rational sense and so will continue to be opposed by us and, we feel sure, most people living and working in the area.

Sincerely,

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