

**From:** Andrew Carapiet [REDACTED]

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**To:** Jeni Jackson

**Subject:** Pyrford Development

Dear Ms Jackson

I am writing to protest at the plans to develop the fields adjacent to Upshot Lane Pyrford.

The proposed development will place an entirely unacceptable burden upon the infrastructure of Pyrford in terms of traffic, amenities and services. You will be aware that on Sundays and on school days at drop off and pick up time, the main road through the village is already heaving with traffic. The situation is already very dangerous and I have been involved in and have witnessed several close calls and near misses due to traffic constricted by cars parked along the cricket pitch and close to the shops. If either more children attend the school or more traffic were to use the road, accidents and possibly fatalities are almost inevitable.

I am also concerned by the change in the character of the village. I have a photograph taken from the garden of my house in 1952 when it was built replacing an older bombed building. The garden fence is divided by a stile and across the stile an open field of wheat is clearly visible, ripening in the sun. Progress has bought the village a new school and hundreds of bungalows and houses. In my view this earlier development is already tragic sacrifice of agricultural land for an unsightly development that has already changed the nature of Pyrford.

It would seem that nothing has changed since that earlier development. It would seem that a quick fix to a central government demand for more housing results again in the rape of a green field site. Because its cheaper, because its easier, because its quicker and because it makes more money for the developers, and more rate revenue for the council. All this despite the recent direction from central government that brownfield not greenfield sites should be prioritised. Just such a brownfield site is also being considered in Pyrford so I would uge you to drop the development of Upshot Lane to preserve what remains of the character of Pyrford and develop the brownfield site instead.

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