

## Green Belt Review Updates - proposed 400 new houses for Pyrford

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Dear Sir,

I wish to put forward my objections to the proposals for meeting housing requirements in Pyrford/West Byfleet for the period 2015 - 2040.

Should development go forward on the two Pyrford fields either side of Upshot Lane, heritage views from the Pyrford Escarpment to the North Downs would be endangered. Removal of these two fields from the green belt, one of which was not recommended as appropriate for use by the Councils' own planning consultants, PBA, in the Green Belt Review published late in 2014, would change the nature of the village. The surrounding green landscape as well as footpaths are important to the character and charm of the area which I believe is an asset to the entire borough.

Additionally, Pyrford is already congested during the day around the school and local shopping precinct. The building of 433 new houses can only make things worse, not to mention the need for more school places in the not too distant future. Likely major housing developments over the WBC border in Guildford Borough, eg Wisley Airfield and two others could cause massive traffic increase from the South, passing through Pyrford on its way to West Byfleet Station and Retail Centre. Noise, pollution and congestion are already problematic in and around the Old Woking Road.

I understand that development must take place but the building of 433 houses, the majority of which will probably be unaffordable for most of our young people who desperately want to remain in the area in which they were raised, is surely not the way to proceed. Perhaps fewer houses, with a high percentage of affordable accommodation together with suitable downsizing apartments for mature citizens who wish to remain in their community would be a better way to proceed.

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