

**Chantecler, Pond Road,
Hook Heath
Woking
GU22 0JT**

30 July 2015

Dear Sirs,

Re: Woking 2027 DPD Consultation and in particular to site references:

GB10 (Land to the north east of Saunders Lane, between Saunders Lane and Hook Hill Lane, Mayford GU22 0NN)

GB11 (Land to the north west of Saunders Lane, Mayford, GU22 0NN)

GB14 (Land adjacent to Hook Hill Lane, Hook Heath, GU22 0PS)

As a resident of Hook Heath I am writing to register my objection to the removal of areas GB10, GB11 and GB14 from the Green Belt and to proposals to build houses on parcels GB10 and GB11 post 2027.

My reasons for objecting are numerous but include the following:

- 1) It is inconsistent with Woking Borough Council's own strategy.** As far as I can see, none of the proposals meet your own requirement to *"conserve, and where possible enhance existing character, especially key landscapes such as heathlands, escarpments and the canal/river network and settlement characteristics; maintain locally valued features, and enhance or restore deteriorating features"*.

In fact, all the proposals seem to do the precise opposite.

- 2) The road and other transport networks will be complete overloaded (which they are close to now).** As far as I can see the road network, which in rush hour now exceeds all stated norms, can only be considerable further stressed with the proposed developments and there is no physical possibility to relieve these roads whether you wished to or not.

- 3) There is no exceptional circumstance:** The Woking Core Strategy requires WBC to find sites in the Green Belt for 550 homes in the period 2022-2027, but WBC has gone further than required by identifying sites for an additional **1200** homes in the period 2027-2040. **The exceptional circumstances rule still applies.** WBC has not demonstrated any exceptional need for 1200 houses, nor indeed any other number, in the Green Belt around Woking post 2027.\

The Green Belt has been one asset thing that has been handed down from generation to generation, and appreciated by each generation, to prevent the short term opportunism which the current plans propose. Given there is no compelling case and that it goes beyond

both the required expansion of WBC housing and the terms of reference governing the Green Belt, this must be rejected.

I am disappointed that the Council has seen fit to progress the plans to this point, but I would be grateful if you would register my strongest objection on the basis above

Yours faithfully



Michael Cauter