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**Sent:** 30 July 2015 23:25

**To:** Jeni Jackson

**Subject:** Objection to proposal to build on fields adjacent to Upshot Lane, Pyrford

Dear Ms Jackson

I am writing to object to the proposal to take these two fields out of the Green Belt and build 423 houses on them.

The Green Belt should not be eroded in this way, we should be protecting it. The Green Belt is obviously extremely important for the survival of our fauna & flora & is home to much wildlife including deer, badgers etc. People choose to live in Pyrford because of it's situation in the Green Belt & do not want to be in a large built up area.

The nature of Pyrford village would be changed completely if another 400+ houses are built. The village does not have any facilities at present to support this number of extra residents. The school is already oversubscribed, there is not enough parking at the village shops or school now, there is no medical centre & there is not an adequate bus service. Consequently people have to drive to West Byfleet or Woking for most things & another 400+ houses would possibly mean another 1000 cars on the local roads which are already congested. The area frequently becomes gridlocked if there is an accident on the M25 or A3. My house backs onto Pyrford Common & Pyrford Common Road. The noise from the traffic on this road is already awful during the rush hours & this will only get worse with an increase in housing. There was a proposal to build on one of these fields a few years ago, and the Council itself deemed this development unsuitable due to the increased pressure on the roads, in particular the access to the A3. Why do the Council now think there would not be a problem? In addition to this, if the development goes ahead on Wisley airfield the traffic problems are going to be horrendous.

In Pyrford, there is a huge lack of affordable housing & properties suitable for the elderly to downsize to. A better option for increased housing would be to build starter homes & retirement apartments on existing developed areas, instead of granting permission for large luxury apartments & houses. For example, the Oakfield School development, where 4 or 5 apartments are being built at prices ranging between £700,000 to £1,000,000+ and yet more large houses costing even more! This site could have been used to provide far more homes than it is going to do & could have been used to provide some desperately needed starter/retirement homes for local people who wish to stay in the village but currently are unable to find suitable housing.

I hope the Council listen to the objections of the people of Pyrford & take note. We do not want the Green Belt surrounding our village diminished in any way.

Yours sincerely

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