

Pyrford Development

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To: Planning Policy

Dear Sirs

I am writing to object to the proposals to use the two fields either side of Upshot Lane, Pyrford for new houses.

There are a number of reasons why this development would have a very negative impact on Pyrford and the surrounding areas. A few of those are:

1. Pyrford's rural landscape, its footpath and views are an important part of the village. We walk our dog the fields off Upshot Lane, and it would be a great loss to the area to lose these fields.
2. Losing the fields would cause the loss of a lot of natural habitats for wildlife.
3. We live on Coldharbour Lane which is very busy in the day, particularly with school and church traffic. It is often very difficult to get down Coldharbour Lane past the shops when there are cars parked for school drop off and pick up. 400 extra houses would make the situation even worse, and probably dangerous for the school children.
4. Pyrford primary school could not cope with the influx of all the new families in the new housing. Has the council considered where these children would go to school?
5. Nursery and pre-school places are already at capacity in the area.
6. I don't believe that the council has taken the representations of the Pyrford Forum into account.
7. The proposals are contrary to the recommendations of the council's own independent advisers.
8. There are already proposals for major housing developments in Wisley - this will increase traffic through Pyrford from the south. The roads between Pyrford and Ripley are not designed for heavy traffic - they are narrow and single lane at times. Increased traffic past the school would just not be sustainable.
9. Our Village is a community where people want to live and much of this is because of the friendly, safe and pleasant semi-rural environment. The character of the village and its wide blend of facilities is something which once destroyed cannot be re-created.
10. Clearly there is a need for additional housing in the area, particularly affordable housing, and housing for the elderly. Smaller developments would be more appropriate as they could be more easily accommodated within the existing life of the village and be part of the community. Building a large number of small houses, all crammed in with small gardens (and I cannot think of another way to put 400 houses on the Upshot Lane fields) will both ruin the character of the village and not provide a pleasant place to live for those that move into the houses.

I hope you will take these views into account.

Yours faithfully

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