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Subject: DPD 2027 - Planning consultation - objection
fao Jeni Jackson, Head of Planning, Woking BC

I wish to register my strongly felt objections to Woking BC proposals for building new houses in the two fields either side of Upshot Lane. The local roads and infrastructure within and around Pyrford are already overloaded and will not be able to take the added strain of any significant increase within the village. A further 400 new homes immediately adjacent would become intolerable, particularly if proposals for residential development of nearby Wisley airfield or Send village are to proceed. I recognise that central government policies require councils to nominate potential areas for housing expansion, but consider that Woking have failed to determine the optimum alternative proposal for Surrey and the wider region. Woking BC have not reasonably considered representations made to them by residents organisations, nor have they recognised or taken adequate steps to mitigate the problems already faced by the current residents. Railway capacity and parking at all local stations is already inadequate and there are no viable alternative public transport options available.

The simple action of removing parking charges within Woking town centre will not only benefit the commercial businesses who struggle to compete with more competitive centres, but will help to reduce the serious traffic congestion in the surrounding districts caused by excessive journeys to alternative shops. The over-provision of impractical cycle lanes and roadway obstructions which cause driver frustration and prevent the free flow of traffic should be removed. Such traffic management systems introduced on the false premise of speed reduction and accident prevention are counter-productive and merely compound the problems that will become grid-lock if additional housing is permitted. Woking BC should recognise the level of dependence on private cars and ensure that all private, commercial and infrastructure developments make adequate provision to facilitate the free flow of traffic both for residents and the additional volume of visitors attracted by a successful and thriving community.

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