

Green belt review Pyrford

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To: Planning Policy

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Dear Sirs,

I wish to object to the proposals to remove the two fields beside Upshot Lane, in Pyrford, from the Green Belt, with the subsequent proposal to develop them for substantial numbers of houses.

I am concerned about the proposal to build the houses, because I believe the local infrastructure is unable to withstand this, and also I am concerned about the environmental affect of removing land from the Green Belt.

Infrastructure.

Roads and traffic

It is extremely difficult to leave or enter Pyrford in the rush hour, by car. Exits onto Old Woking Road are difficult, especially if one has to cross a line of traffic. There have been a number of accidents on this road. For cyclists, although tracks have been marked for cyclists, the road is not wide enough to accommodate them safely. When driving on Old Woking Road, it is very difficult to then reach West Byfleet, Woodham, Old Woking, or Maybury, as the traffic is heavy. Cycling down to Old Woking is dangerous, especially when the traffic is heavy, as there is no space for cyclists. Trying to leave Pyrford on other roads is also difficult in the rush hour. Travelling down the Lower Pyrford Road, then brings one to West Byfleet, which is already very congested. The same is also true to travel to Ripley, both villages are congested with traffic queues, and also to Wisley, to get to the A3, where there is often queueing traffic in the morning. The impact of all those houses with cars, would make this much more difficult and dangerous.

Water

In recent years there has been times when there has not been enough water, and there have been restrictions on water supply. Can the supply of water be increased.

Countryside

The Green Belt serves a really valuable function in that it provides a place that improves the wellbeing of residents, by the ability to access countryside and open spaces. This area is traversed by footpaths that allow residents to walk in the countryside, with beneficial health benefits, as well as providing a beautiful visual landscape, that benefits those who live here and those who visit. I was part of the group who objected to the development of these fields a number of years ago, and it was the benefits of this significant landscape above the Wey Valley, that appeared to influence the Government Inspector, who attended to investigate the situation when we appealed against the plans at the time. We got the impression that it was this factor that influenced him in his decision that these fields should not be removed from the Green Belt and developed.

Unfortunately the traffic in the intervening period has become much heavier and this now is a very obvious factor to be considered

These are my major concerns as to why these two fields should not be removed from the Green Belt and developed

Yours faithfully

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