

Objection to proposal to develop 400+ New houses in Pyrford

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To: Planning Policy

Dear Sir

I am writing to object to the proposal to build 400+ new houses in Pyrford I enjoy walking my dog in the footpaths through Pyrford and I feel that the addition of the houses in the Upshot Lane area of Pyrford would greatly reduce Pyrford's unique charm and character.

For example when walking close to the proposed development site I can hear owls in the trees in the evening - these are unlikely to stay with so much building going on.

I am concerned that the infrastructure as it is at the moment could not support so many new houses. At peak times the traffic through Pyrford can be very slow. Also at any time of the day it can be quite tricky crossing Pyrford Comman Road with my dog - more traffic would only add to this problem. At times the old Woking road (driving towards West Byfleet in the rush hour) has been gridlocked - this situation will only get worse with more houses.

We also have very low water pressure to our house due to the number of houses in the Lovelace estate already - this will only become worse with so many additional houses.

The local school (Pyrford Primary) is about to be rebuilt but is not expanding and it is already full to capacity - in fact I understand that they have had to stop guaranteeing siblings a place as they don't have enough space.

Also the details about the proposal which are being kept in Woking Library (which are not easily available - I had to insist that I wanted to see them!) say that the doctors are only a 22 minute walk from the proposed new housing - I do not agree with this at all - it would take a lot longer to walk into West Byfleet than that. It is extremely hard to get an appointment with any body at the health centre as they can't deal with the number of patients that they have at the moment.

While I realise that there is a need for more houses to be built - perhaps fewer smaller affordable houses/apartments could be built just on the smaller field by the Arbour (next to Teggs lane) thus encouraging older people to move into them (and still stay in the area) rather than living in large houses with many empty bedrooms.

Yours faithfully

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