

Woking 2027 DPD Consultation- Mayford Green Belt

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To: Planning Policy

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Dear Sirs

I am writing to express my grave concerns as to the future of Mayford as a village and the ruination of what is currently a very pleasant place to live.

I have lived in Mayford since January 1998 and am horrified to learn of your proposals to build over much of the green fields in the village.

Specifically :

1) Site ref: GB7 (Ten Acre Farm, Smarts Heath Road)

I strongly object to the proposal to increase the number of Traveller pitches on the land.

Mayford already provides the bulk of the Traveller facilities in Woking and an increase on the scale suggested will adversely impact the open nature of the land surrounding the site. I understand that sites in the Urban area should be considered first for this type of use and I can find no mention of this being the case. Therefore it doesn't appear that the correct process has been followed.

The 10 Acre Farm site is very close to a number of residential properties and therefore is not suitable for the associated business activities that need to be supported. Not to mention the lack of school and other facilities (Doctors/Dentist etc.)

2) Site ref: GB8 (Nursery land adjacent to Egley Road)
GB9 (Woking Garden Centre)
GB10 (Land to the north east of Saunders Lane,
Between Saunders Lane and Hook Hill Lane)
GB11 (Land to the North of Saunders Lane)

I strongly object to any residential development on all of the above sites. I can see a need for another School in the South of Woking and the athletic facilities must be a good thing for the youngsters. However I am worried about the impact of light pollution and increased noise levels should these facilities be used late into the evening. Particularly in the winter months.

Filling in the green space at Saunders Lane/Hook Hill Lane will be terrible. For many years I have enjoyed walking past the Mayford Village centre and up the slope to the wonderful views. Many local people walk and exercise themselves and their dogs here. This will all be lost should a large housing estate be built.

The roads in Saunders Lane are extremely narrow in places and the increase in traffic will no doubt lead to accidents.

Hook Hill Lane is narrow enough in any case and cannot safely sustain any increase in traffic volumes. I can imagine it being used as a cut-through even more should these proposals go ahead and I'm sure a fatal accident will only be a matter of time. There are quite a few young children in Hook Hill Lane and they will be put in danger.

Other roads close by are also incapable of increased traffic volumes, Prey Heath Road past Worplesdon Station for example. There are no pavements and again pedestrian safety must be in question.

Mayford is a lovely village with history and character. Please may I urge you to reconsider the plans to build on Mayford's Green Belt. There has to be alternative and more suitable sites within the borough.

Please also refer to the response by the Mayford Village Society, of which I am a member and who I am happy to represent my views.

Mayford simply must remain a separate village and not be joined up to Woking or Guildford by careless and inappropriate development.

Thank You

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