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**To:** Jeni Jackson

**Subject:** 400+ New Houses for Pyrford

Both my wife (Gillian Cotton) and myself (John Cotton) wish to object to the proposal to build these new homes on Green Belt land on each side of Upshot Lane, known as area's GB12 & GB13.

We object to the use of established Green Belt land for housing development in Surrey, we and most other residents chose to live here for what Surrey had to offer at the time , beautiful open countryside not Urban sprawl. It is very easy to consider these proposals individually without considering the overall picture, there are many proposals around Woking as well as those proposed by Guildford around Ripley and Send, collectively these all add up to very significant changes to the environment we currently live in.

There are already significant numbers of new properties under construction in Ripley which on the one hand will help to satisfy demand but on the other will put additional pressure on local roads which are struggling to cope with peak demand at present. Consider roads, again it is easy to say we will build cycle ways, improve access onto and off these sites, provide footpaths. The reality is we all have cars, 2 or more per household, all these new residents need to get to work, so the real bottlenecks are, locally over the canal and river in Newark Lane, into Ripley village, and at the junction of Old Woking Road and Pyrford Common Road, and further away, access to the M25/A3, M3, West Byfleet and even Woking Station which are now unacceptable at peak times without all of these new housing developments.

I am sure you are working to fulfil directives from National Government, everybody it seems from all over the world wants to live in S.E. England, but this is not possible, there is a limit to the number of people who can, we have brought up two boys in Woking who are now 32 years old, they have been educated here and now have their own houses in Send and work in S.E. England doing jobs in the construction industry that any reasonably well educated persons could do. We know all about the so called lack of affordable housing in Surrey. Maybe we should be discouraging people from coming here not encouraging, we are not convinced of the need for all of the proposed developments.

Regards,

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