

Woking 2027 DPD Consultation - objections

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To: Planning Policy

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Dear Sirs,

Re: Woking 2027 DPD Consultation and in particular to site references:

GB10 (Land to the north east of Saunders Lane, between Saunders Lane and Hook Hill Lane, Mayford GU22 0NN)

GB11 (Land to the north west of Saunders Lane, Mayford, GU22 0NN)

GB14 (Land adjacent to Hook Hill Lane, Hook Heath, GU22 0PS)

As a resident of Hook Heath I am writing to register my objection to the removal of areas GB10, GB11 and GB14 from the Green Belt and to proposals to build houses on parcels GB10 and GB11 post 2027.

I have a significant list of reasons for objecting, but this letter would not make easy reading if I were to expand on them all. Let me just say that any one of them ought to be enough for the proposal work to be cancelled. For example:

The proposal disregards Woking Borough Council's own Core Strategy policy CS24 which requires that all development proposals should provide a positive benefit in terms of landscape and townscape character, and local distinctiveness and will have regard to landscape character areas. To protect local landscape and townscape character, development will be expected to conserve, and where possible enhance existing character, especially key landscapes such as heathlands, escarpments and the canal/river network and settlement characteristics; maintain locally valued features, and enhance or restore deteriorating features.

There was no consultation on the green belt review. Flaws include that the sites in question were recommended on the basis of their proximity to a Local Centre. However, other than a nearby Post Office and barbers, there is no supporting infrastructure in the form of shops, doctors, dentists, medical facilities, or schools.

It is claimed these sites were 'sustainable' on the basis of Google travel times – taken outside the rush hour. Just visit the roads during rush hour and try timings then!

I could go on and will do so if the proposal is not rejected outright.

Yours faithfully

Patricia Cryer (Professor)