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Reference: Regarding Woking 2027 DPD Consultation

Dear Sirs

I have now been a resident of Mayford since 2012 Dec and have been made aware of the Woking 2027 planning proposals that will impact Mayford. My comments are not specific to any of your documents, however I will refer to the specific site references that I am concerned about:

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

• Traveler sites should not have unacceptable adverse impacts on the visual amenity and character of the area. Ten Acre farm is adjacent to Smarts Heath Common, an SSSI, used by residents of Mayford for leisure purposes. Any increase in the present Traveler site of five caravans at 10 Acre Farm would decrease the visual amenity and character of the area.

• Currently Woking's Traveler sites are concentrated in one part of the Borough - Burdenshott Road (one mile from Ten Acre Farm), Ten Acre Farm, Mayford, and Brookwood Lye (three miles from Ten Acre Farm). Mayford already provides a major contribution towards the Traveller Community. There is no justification for further expansion in Mayford.

Site Reference (GB10, GB11, GB14)

I strongly object to these three sites due to the reasons mentioned below.

- National Policy states that Green Belt boundaries should only be altered in "exceptional circumstances" – this has not been proved by Woking Council, especially as Policy clearly states that "housing need – including for Traveler sites – does not justify the harm done to the Green Belt by inappropriate development."
- No evidence (independently verified) has been produced to demonstrate that Woking Council has exhausted Brownfield sites for development in its Plan
- The Green Belt Review incorrectly dismissed the Green Belt Purpose "To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns" stating that "Woking is not considered to be a town that has a particularly strong historical character" – however Mayford does have a strong history and is mentioned in the Domesday Book.
- Green Belt land in Mayford is fundamental to the physical separation of Woking, Mayford and Guildford – this is incorrectly classified only as "important" in the Green Belt Review
- Finally, nearby Worplesdon rail station, which serves as a major commuter rail station and through which me and my wife commute daily to London, will be an absolute disaster. There is simply not enough car parking spaces for a significant increase of commuters. The station approach road, newly re-built, is already too narrow and we face delays to the 'one-way' traffic systems for cars before they go under the railway arch bridge. If all the above points did not break Mayford down, this rail station will do so.

Please reconsider your plans - what is currently planned will have a devastating impact to Mayford as a Village. Mayford is unique in the U.K. and is mentioned in the Domesday Book.

Please also refer to the response from the Mayford Village society who I am happy also to represent my views.

Yours sincerely



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