

FW: PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN PYRFORD, WEST BYFLEET AND WISLEY

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To: Planning Policy

Cc: Geoff Geaves [REDACTED]

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Attn Ms Jeni Jackson, Head of Planning at Woking Borough Council

Dear Ms. Jackson

cc Geoff Geaves Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum

We are very concerned about the implications of the proposed housing developments in the local area.

The following points have been raised by the Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum (PNF) and circulated to its members including the undersigned. We consider that these points should be addressed urgently by the Council:

1. The Borough have ignored the PNF's 2 letters raising concerns about the Green Belt Review and their advisers attempts to address the Borough Executive were repulsed with the Executive proceeding to take the decision to publish the DPD apparently without reviewing valid representations. The PNF has objected to the Borough's approach as have their advisers.
2. The Borough (WBC) have substantially departed from their own independent advisers, Peter Brett Associates, recommendations concerning Pyrford.
3. The PNF advisers comments as made to WBC, in the advisers paragraph 2 are clear. Is it acceptable that WBC chose to defer any action upon these points and proceed to approve a DPD over which there is a big question mark around Pyrford issues?
4. Pyrford's charm and character are important and maintaining the natural landscape and views as well as footpaths are important. Pyrford is unique in Woking Borough in enjoying its relatively unspoilt countryside and we believe this forms an asset for the entire borough.
5. Pyrford is unique in the Borough for its well maintained historic buildings and conservation areas. Heritage assets are highly valued nationally. Removal of Green Belt status from our 2 threatened fields could cause irreparable damage to these assets.
6. Pyrford is already congested during the day around the central village area. Would the imposition of 433 new houses be likely to increase congestion and perhaps result in gridlock?
7. Should WBC focus more upon the impact of likely major housing developments just over the WBC border in Guildford Borough e.g. Wisley Airfield and two others? What about the possible imposition of massive traffic increase from the south passing through Pyrford on its way to West Byfleet Station and Retail Centre? Would the Newark Bridges be able to cope with greatly increased traffic?
8. Please think about the ecological Impact plus water and sewerage impact and other Infrastructure problems. Transport is essential to us all! What about bio-diversity?

Please take these factors into account in your deliberations.

Yours sincerely

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