

## **FW: Objections to the 400+ new houses in Pyrford**

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**To:** Jeni Jackson

**Subject:** Objections to the 400+ new houses in Pyrford

Dear Ms Jackson,

I am writing to you to express my concerns about the plans for 423 new houses in Pyrford. I have lived in Pyrford for the majority of my life and see the plans as hugely detrimental to the village. My reasons for this view are as followed:

1. Pyrford is a nice, quiet, green village with a lovely atmosphere. Taking away the green land to cram in hundred of houses would cause Pyrford to lose its charm of being a peaceful place to live. If we wanted to live in a busy town, then we would have chosen West Byfleet or Woking. The loss of green belt land is disappointing, it is nice to be able to drive or walk past open green space. The additional houses will simply reduce the green village feel, and instead provide a feeling similar to West Byfleet; grey. I would think that the majority of people who chose to live in Pyrford did so because it is a peaceful place, that doesn't feel over saturated with people, and is close to beautiful green landscapes. The additional houses and people will ruin the reasons why people love the area.
2. The area simply cannot handle the additional people and cars. I assume that the number of people that will be housed in the proposed houses would be at least 1000? The Old Woking Road is already very busy, as are Coldharbour Road, Upshot Lane and Pyrford Common Road. I dread to think how congested they will become with the additional traffic caused by the new residents and their visitors. It is not just the roads, West Byfleet gets very busy. How will it be able to cope with the additional people from the proposed sites in Pyrford as well as those in West Byfleet? The local shops in Pyrford would certainly struggle to cope with the demand. The building of the houses will also cause chaos to the roads. It is bad enough driving past lorries on Upshot Lane, but having to drive past multiple trucks and large building sites on the narrow road would be horrible.

I really hope the council reconsiders the plans for Pyrford, or at least significantly reduces the number of proposed houses. I would love to continue to live in Pyrford for the rest of my life, but cramming 400+ houses onto green belt land is likely to completely change the atmosphere of the village. Congesting the area with houses and

thus ultimately congesting the already busy roads is ridiculous. Pyrford is a green, peaceful, friendly village and should stay that way.

Yours sincerely,

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