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Sent: 31 July 2015 16:58
To: Jeni Jackson
Subject: Concerns regarding the village of Pyrford

Dear Jeni Jackson,

I am writing to you to ensure you are aware of my concerns about the planned development in Pyrford village.

Myself and my partner have recently brought our forever family home in Pyrford and to hear of these plans is a bitter disappointment. The reasons we brought here were to ensure our children would have the same village upbringing as I did. I grew up in Pyrford, attended the village school and my whole family was part of the village life. It was such a dream for us to be able to afford to move back only to find that the village life that is so important to the residents of Pyrford, and the main reason of us moving here, is planned to be changed forever.

Both the charm and character of Pyrford is not only important but historical and forms a great part of the Woking borough. The views are amazing and the great access via the footpaths provide a perfect link to the countryside, any change to these would be a shame. Any further removal of the green belt would be detrimental to the whole area, all the local heritage sites and conservation areas are of vital importance and must be maintained and left unspoilt. The enjoyment of this unspoilt countryside is a huge asset to the whole county.

The village is already congested and the area near the shops is in constant use and often difficult to park. When there is any village event on, whether it be the Flower Show, a fair or ceremony at the church or another celebration the village becomes over congested and difficult to park and drive through. The main road through Pyrford, when any event is occurring at the church, is already dangerous due to parking causing a blind corner to drive round. Any increase to house numbers would cause greater difficulty to this issue. Furthermore, it is already extremely difficult to get out onto the Old Woking Road at any of the junctions leaving Pyrford and again any addition to house numbers in the area would make this issue even harder. The access to the A3 also causes concerns as either a huge increase in traffic has to pass through Pyrford village to join at Burnt Common adding to the difficulties joining the Old Woking Road or drive towards Ripley and create huge concerns for the historic Newark bridge - can this single file country lane cope with such an increase?

As a local teacher I also have grave concerns in regards to the effect on the local education, increases to local schools are already being squeezed in, surely the local education community can not cope with such a huge increase of numbers in the area. The local schools have a great reputation and are a huge advantage for the local residents - an extra strain to these services could damage the high standards being delivered presently.

I reiterate that this is a community that we and others have chosen to live in (and spent a great deal of money to do so) because of the environment. This is a safe and pleasant area to live any huge changes, such as have been suggested, could damage the feeling, safety and general pleasure of living in this quaint historic village. Please listen to the local residents and consider other surrounding areas of the county. Please consider areas that

have the correct infrastructure to deal with such a large expansion and recognise the uniqueness of our village within the borough- save and preserve this area don't cause such irreparable damage to a great asset.

Thank you for taking the time to read by concerns

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