

Objection to house building on Green Belt in Pyrford

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To: Planning Policy

Dear sirs

I understand Woking Borough Council is seeking to build more than 400 new properties on green belt land on the edge of the village of Pyrford.

I also understand that local representations of objection have been made and questions raised that have been ignored to date.

As a resident of Pyrford for the past 20 years i have noticed a steady and significant increase in traffic flow through the village over the years as various new homes have been added in the locality which i accept is a legitimate use of land for house building.

However i am horrified to think our protected green belt will now be used to build such a substantial number of new homes in Pyrford with the significant increase in traffic flow this will create through the village, both during construction and afterwards. The surrounding roads through Ripley, the Old Woking Road and Parvis Road are already at a crawl during rush hour and the influx of hundreds more vehicles doesnt bear thinking about. At other times of the day there is a steady flow of traffic on these single carriageway roads which can come to a standstill for parked or broken down vehicles. Through Ripley you have the one-way Newark Bridge traffic lights and narrow roads through that village and Wisley on to the A3. At the Anchor pub there is a one-way narrow bridge over the canal. Traffic congestion in the wider area is already too much at times.

The pressure on Pyrford's village infrastructure - including the school - will have a detrimental and lasting impact on the beauty of Pyrford, not to mention the knock on effect on the community hospital, doctors surgeries, etc of the surrounding towns of West Byfleet, Ripley, Wisley and Byfleet.

I accept that the council is under significant pressure from central government to build more houses in the County but this must surly be in the towns of Woking, Guildford, etc rather than on village green belt where the road and amenity infrastructure is simply not in place and where it will have a devastating impact.

I hope you can find the time to respond with a reasoned argument.

Regards

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