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Dear Ms Jackson,

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed development of 423 houses in Pyrford on Upshott Lane, in addition to the 700 plus in West Byfleet and the large new housing development on the Wisley Airfield site.

Whilst I completely accept the need for additional housing in the borough, and understand that Woking Borough Council must produce a viable long-term housing plan in order to prevent one from being imposed by central government, I believe that the proposals are ill considered and do not take into account the current state of the local infrastructure. As things stand at the moment, there are already significant pressures on local roads at peak times, during the rush hour and the school runs. The long queues and congestion causes delays to residents and businesses alike, and the air pollution has increased exponentially in recent years.

In addition to concerns about the increase in traffic, if the plan were to proceed in its present form significant pressures would be experienced in other essential services.

Pyrford is unique to the Borough in that it has a number of well-maintained historic buildings and conservation areas. Heritage assets are important and must be preserved for future generations. If the plan in its present form were to be implemented and Green Belt status removed from the two fields adjacent to Upshott Lane, this could, potentially, cause irreparable damage to these assets.

It is striking that in the proposals announced by WBC the impact of the new development falls mainly upon the east of the Borough. Why has development in the west been largely ignored?

I am also concerned that the Council has ignored not only the concerns expressed by the Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum and their advisors about the Green Belt Review, but it has also departed from the recommendations of its own independent advisors in relation to Pyrford. This seems somewhat perverse: what is the point of obtaining independent advice if it is not going to be used to inform policy planning? The Pyrford issues need to be clarified and resolved before the development plan is agreed.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Fiona Dunstan