

**Re: Have your say on future development sites in Woking Borough -  
Draft site Allocations DPD**

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**To:** Planning Policy

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you to have my say after speaking briefly to a gentleman from Woking council at your event at Waitrose, West Byfleet on 14th July. I did take a leaflet and have viewed your plans, and I feel particularly concerned and very worried about any further building in Knaphill ( which is very near to me )! I only had a chance to speak to the gentlemen for a short while on 14th July - as the event area outside waitrose was surrounded by very concerned residents - needing to speak to council officials. As far as I could tell on 14th July - it appeared to me that Woking Council were approaching residents about building on Green Belt land - which I absolutely object to ! but after reading the leaflet - " Have your say " I am very worried and concerned about Woking Councils plans - as it seems there is plans of development of a huge scale - ( which I gather is to meet government targets for housing ! ) regardless if it ruins green belt land and causes flooding ! ( I am aware Old Woking has already suffered with flooding ).

The gentleman at Waitrose advised me that it was proposed to build on greenbelt land - and he said there would be what's called " alternative green sites built " for birds etc - such birds as the Dartford Warbler - which he mentioned... I am a member of RSPB and The Surrey Wildlife Trust ! and I do hope they are being consulted about these proposals ! I do not feel that alternative Green sites could ever replace Green belt which has been destroyed for development, as it would disturb many trees, BEES, nesting birds, hedgehogs and other nesting animals - which are already rare and endangered - such as hedgehogs and some birds ! I understand there are less that a million Hedgehogs in Britain now - and there used to be millions ! - and their decline is due to too much building - and they have nowhere to go because their natural habitat is destroyed ! Also I would gather birds of prey frequent these green areas...and their nest would also be disturbed!

I have recently been driving just from West Byfleet towards Woodham - and a deer ran out in front of me - but fortunately ran back from where it came from ! and it did not run in to my car or anyone else's thankfully ! but I ask Woking Council - if this is happening now - then what will happen to these poor creatures should all of this building go ahead !? I actually do not understand - as I have often seen many empty buildings in Woking town centre - which are supposed to be new offices ? but have been built and standing empty for ages ! but you say you want to built more office retail and warehouse space ?

I have seen a huge amount of housing increase in Knaphill/Brookwood area recently - the traffic in Brookwood area is already very congested constantly morning and evening ( between West End and Brookwood ) ! Though I do not live in Knaphill area, but drive there often for shopping ! - I feel it has already contributed to the housing need ! I still pass beautiful countryside in that area ( which is as I understand marshland - and should not be built on) so I do hope that area of green is not destroyed and built on ! I am not sure also if the areas of Green Belt Woking Council are talking about are reserve land ? which I understand reserve land should never be built on !

I feel the regeneration which has taken place in Woking Town Centre is good - and there are now many cafes and eateries etc - and the area seems lively and attractive - though I felt upset to see many trees along Commercial Way had been removed in the process - and was that really necessary? ! And I know there was a huge oak tree brought down ! when the Lightbox in Woking was built - which I feel was absolutely terrible ! as the Oak Tree had been standing for many many years - and I can not understand how it was ever allowed to be disturbed!

I absolutely object to building on green belt - and it should be left for nature and the way nature intended - and I feel disturbing Green Belt Land disturbs Ecology and Wildlife and the natural environment! which I do not feel can be replaced by alternative Green Sites ! I am very concerned and object to too much further development in Knaphill ( with it being so close to where I live ) there are already huge plans for development in my village - which is very disturbing and it will increase traffic and pollution terribly if it goes ahead ! and schools are

already over subscribed !. I fear if too much development goes ahead in Knaphill - then traffic already heavy traffic between Brookwood and West End will be affected even more, and this will be intolerable for commuters and our roads and pollution/fumes ! I have also seen many new houses erected in Bisley and a fairly large nursing home - I fear too much building in this area will put a large strain on services in Knaphill as well, as far as I can tell Knaphill is still classed as a village?. I do not feel it would be pleasant for the current residents if it ended up as a large busy town with excess traffic ?

I do hope my comments are taken into consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Miss L Dwyer