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Dear Sirs,

Regarding: Woking 2027 DPD Consultation

We are writing in response to the above Woking 2027 DPD consultation regarding the proposed development of Green Belt land in Mayford.

My husband and I moved to Mayford in September 2013 in search of a semi-rural location with good transport links. We have bought into a quality of life (and at a premium given the proximity to London), which is quickly being destroyed by over-development, over-population and the resulting enormous pressure on the local infrastructure, services and amenities, including grid-lock on the roads and standing room only on trains at rush hour, inability to get a GP appointment and unacceptable A&E and walk-in clinic waiting times.

Since moving to Rosebank Cottages both KingsMoor Park and Willow Reach have been under development and our local Westfield surgery has even had to petition patients to try and expand the premises to cope with already increased demand.

We consider any further development within Mayford to be irresponsible and in blatant disregard to the quality of life of the council tax-paying residents of the Village. The Green Belt status was put on this land for good reason and this should be respected at all costs. As local council tax payers, we expect our council to look after our best interests and quality of life, including access to and maintenance of basic local services and amenities.

We are **very strongly opposed** to any further development within Mayford or the surrounding area on any Green Belt land. Mayford is a unique Village community that should be preserved and respected, not a business opportunity for development.

Please note below our objections to the specific site references that we are most concerned about:

Site Reference: GB7 (Ten Acre Farm, Smarts Heath Road)

We strongly object to the proposal to increase the number of Traveller Pitches on this land. Mayford already provides a major contribution towards the Traveller Community, who in turn offer little or no contribution towards the collective community. We feel this is unfair towards our collective community and that there is no justification for further expansion in Mayford.

Additionally, any increase in the present Traveller site of five caravans at 10 Acre Farm would decrease the visual amenity and character of the area and also increase risk to wildlife due to increased number of domestic animals in close proximity.

Over the years successive Planning Inspectors have refused applications on this site because they reduce the openness of a Green Belt area and we hope that you will uphold this precedent.

Site References:

- GB8 (Nursery land adjacent to Egley Road)
- GB9 (Woking Garden Centre, Egley Road)
- GB10 (Land to the north east of Saunders Lane, between Saunders Lane and Hook Hill Lane)
- GB11 (Land to the north west of Saunders Lane)
- GB14 (Land adjacent to Hook Hill Lane, Hook Heath)

We strongly object to the proposal for housing on all of the above sites.

The housing will fill in any green space between Mayford and Woking, thereby turning Mayford into a suburb of Woking and increasing greatly the risk of merging of Woking and Guildford – the whole purpose of the Green Belt. There appears to have been no consideration for preserving Mayford as a separate settlement to Woking, nor the impact on the character of the Village.

There also appears to have been no consideration to the impact on Mayford's infrastructure resulting from the increased local population. More people mean more cars and more strain on transport, and local services and amenities. Inevitably, increased populations within more confined areas will also result in increased crime, putting additional strain on already strained local police services. We note that there are no plans to upgrade the roads (some of which have no pavements) or railway bridges (which are all single lane) nor robust solutions to deal with the existing traffic problems on Egley Road. Houses cannot just be built in areas that have no supporting infrastructure.

There will also be increased risk to wildlife in our protected Heaths (Smarts Heath and Prey Heath) due to the proximity of the development.

Please reconsider your plans - what is currently planned will have a devastating impact to Mayford as a Village. Mayford is unique in the U.K. and is mentioned in the Domesday Book.

Please also refer to the response by the Mayford Village Society who we are happy also to represent our views.

Yours faithfully,

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