

Ravensbourne  
Hook Heath Road  
Woking  
GU22 0LB

30 July 2015

Dear Sirs,

Re: Woking 2027 DPD Consultation and in particular to site references:

GB10 (Land to the north east of Saunders Lane, between Saunders Lane and Hook Hill Lane, Mayford GU22 0NN)

GB11 (Land to the north west of Saunders Lane, Mayford, GU22 0NN)

GB14 (Land adjacent to Hook Hill Lane, Hook Heath, GU22 0PS)

We are writing to register our strong objection to the removal of areas GB10, GB11 and GB14 from the Green Belt and to proposals to build houses on parcels GB10 and GB11 post 2027.

My reasons for objecting are:

- Removal of green belt land is contrary to the Prime Minister's stated policy, destroys natural habitat for wildlife and contributes to urban sprawl which destroys local community cohesion.
- No justification for these damaging proposals have been given. Release of land from the Green Belt should only be permitted in exceptional circumstances and no such circumstances apply here. WBC should be arguing that the green belt is important and resisting future requirements to build on this land. Green belt land is the last that should be considered for development. Brownfield sites should be the priority, and as we have seen around the town centre there is plenty of potential for high rise developments which have a much smaller footprint on local land.
- The proposals run counter to WBC's own policy statement (CSP 24) Hook Heath and Mayford both have clear features of local character which should be preserved. The current proposals threaten to impact adversely, and seriously, on both of these communities.
- There has been no adequate consultation on these proposals and the local infrastructure would be quite inadequate to cater for them. There would be gross overloading of already busy roads.
- The density of housing proposed is excessive compared to the surrounding areas, and would again negatively impact on existing policies designed to retain the character of these areas, especially Hook Heath.

Yours faithfully

Dr & Mrs R. G. Evans