

Woking Council's Site Allocations DPD

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To: Planning Policy

Re the proposed release of Green Belt land in Byfleet, West Byfleet and Pyrford, I am writing to notify Woking Council of my strong objections to the scale of what is currently being proposed as it affects Byfleet where my wife and I have been residents for over 50 years. I know that land is needed for extra housing but I am dismayed at the extent to which these proposals appear to be so heavily concentrated in the Byfleet area given its existing traffic congestion and flood risk problems. Could you please tell me how much other parts of Woking Council's area are sharing the burden of accommodating the proposed extra housing. Why is so much of it appearing to be concentrated in the Byfleet area? I gather that the current proposals seek to remove most of our local Green Belt whilst 98 per cent of Woking's Green Belt is preserved. If that is so it seems grossly unfair to us in Byfleet! If one of your Council's aims is to prevent merging between towns/villages, the current plans seem designed to do precisely the opposite with new housing development along Parvis Road joining up Byfleet and West Byfleet. As you know, Parvis Road is already heavily congested with traffic and the consequential extra traffic in the future which these proposed housing developments will generate looks a recipe for severe and constant widespread gridlock in our area. Furthermore, our local infrastructure in terms of roads, shops, Health Centre, traffic congestion, flood prevention measures etc will simply be unable to cope with all the extra pressures which such extensive house building programmes will generate. We already have to cope with the nearby M25 in Byfleet and it now seems that we are being asked to bear the major impact of these new proposals whilst other parts of Woking Borough Council's area appear to escape lightly from an equitable share of this burden. Someone in authority needs to explain convincingly to us in Byfleet how on earth these current proposals can ever be justified! Although it is reasonable that we should be expected to bear our fair share of such extra housing it is quite unjust that we should have to contend with such an onerous extent of development in our local area!

- Tony Fearon.

Sent from my iPad