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**To:** Jeni Jackson

**Subject:** Planned housing development in Pyrford.

I am very concerned to read that Woking Council propose to give planning permission for over 400 houses on the Upshot Lane fields.

Whilst I appreciate that more housing in the Borough is required, I feel that Pyrford cannot tolerate more housing on the grounds that the traffic flow between Pyrford, West Byfleet and Woking - particularly during school term time - is horrendous between 8.00 a.m. and 9.15 and again after 3.15.. Quite often the Old Woking Road is almost stationary and a journey between Hacketts Lane, where I live, and joining the M25 at Junction 11 can take 40 minutes. Out of busy times times the journey time is 8 minutes or even less. I first moved to Pyrford in 1978. It still retains a village atmosphere and people here enjoy the local amenities including our little shopping parade. We do not want to join up with Woking as a ribbon development. Once Waitrose was built in West Byfleet the traffic started to become a problem.

May I make a few suggestions on this subject. Firstly it would help if the 2 sets of traffic lights in West Byfleet were replaced with two roundabouts and a set of pedestrian lights just before Waitrose. At the moment the traffic from the A3 through Weybridge, Byfleet etc flows well until it reaches West Byfleet where there is always a bottleneck. The second issue is parking by parents outside the Marist School on Sheerwater Road. Many of them park inconsiderately and even on the double yellow lines. The third suggestion would be to replace the traffic lights at the junction of Sheerwater Road and Albert Drive with a roundabout. Quite often, during rush hour the traffic from Old Woking Road which turns left onto Sheerwater backs up for half a mile while the lights are red. Traffic emerging from Albert Drive seldom has more than 2 or 3 cars in line. If there were a roundabout the traffic at both ends of Sheerwater Road would flow much better. Perhaps someone from the Council could visit the area during term time and in the rush hour to see just how bad the situation now is. Please take these traffic problems into account before building any more houses in our lovely village.

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