

Proposed development off Upshot Lane - Pyrford - Woking

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To: Planning Policy

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Dear Sirs

I am writing to object with regard to the proposed plans, for the use of land within the green belt, for building up to 400 homes.

The basis for my objection is as follows:-

1. Pyrford is a small rural village, the road infrastructure of Upshot Lane cannot sustain the huge increase in traffic at peak times. Peak times will include times during which there will be a large increase in traffic attending the local school in adjoining Cold Harbour Lane.
2. The Junction between Upshot Lane, Pyrford Common road and Church Hill will become massively over congested at certain times of the day and no doubt will increase accidents at the junction; even if the junction is altered in some way to accommodate high volume.
3. The increase in traffic at peak times flowing out into Pyrford Common Road and Church Hill will cause significant problems at the Junction of Pyrford Common Road onto the Old Woking Road and similarly heading down into Ripley along Newark lane, where there is a single carriageway crossing over the canal which would not be able to be developed into two lanes to accommodate a more free flowing pattern of traffic. In turn this may well cause a problem into Ripley village and the narrow passing where Newark lane meets Ripley High Street.
4. There is a definite objection to permanent damage to views from the hill top and views down to the North Downs
5. There is significant objection to the loss of views that the residents in Aviary Road who currently enjoy unspoilt views out into the field facing Sandy Lane, these residents will expect a significant impact on their property values, their wellbeing during the construction phase and the increase in general noise and congestion following completion and population of the development.
6. Infrastructure of existing Health facilities, general amenities and schooling will not at their current size be able to cope with the influx of members of public of the average numbers filling 400 homes. I for one can barely get an appointment at my local GP as it is as they are so under resourced.
7. Considerable impact on local wildlife and the importance of maintaining rural areas in-between villages such as Pyrford and its town neighbours such as Woking, to allow not only wildlife to flourish but plants species and crop growing; as in the case of the fields under question.

I am sure that in fact there are many further arguments already levied by the Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum Action Committee, to using these particular areas of land, but what it fundamentally comes down to Pyrford is a village, its status as a village is under threat because the planning office of Woking Borough Council is unwilling to utilise local Brownfield sites or find suitable Greenfield sites that are not already attached to local amenities. It is unacceptable to just decide that Green Belt can be used for homes just because it suits the Council to do so, and to tag it onto a village that retains its character and charm by limiting its size and being a village.

I hope that you will take into consideration these views and the views of the other Pyrford residents along with the already considerable and weighty arguments already levied against this development. And then do the right thing for the people of Pyrford and, in fact, of the local surrounding area who also enjoy Pyrford as a village; and not an expanding town.

Yours sincerely

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