

re - Woking 2027 DPD Consultation

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TO THE POLICY PLANNING TEAM, WOKING BOROUGH COUNCIL

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I have been a resident of Mayford for twenty five years and am deeply saddened at the likely impact of the Woking 2027 proposals on the lovely village of Mayford. My concerns and comments are:-

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)

I strongly object to the proposal to release the green belt status on these sites to allow extensive housing developments.

- (1) The housing will remove any green space between Mayford and Woking as this will make Mayford a virtual suburb of Woking.
- (2) It will increase the risk of merging Woking and Guildford – already the gap between Mayford and Slyfield is only about two miles. Inevitably Mayford will disappear as a Village.
- (3) The review contains no information about brownfield sites other than an assertion that there are none available.
- (4) Little or no consideration seems to have been given to infrastructure requirements which will result from increased population and traffic movements in Mayford and South Woking.
- (5) Specifically there are no plans to improve and upgrade the roads some of which have no pavements. There are three single lane railway bridges two of which are traffic light controlled. During the time I have lived in Mayford I have on many occasions seen vehicles crawling passed each other especially at Emmanuel Church with some impatiently mounting the pavement there to pass safely.
- (5) Prey Heath Road will become more dangerous as increased traffic to Worplesdon station will be weaving around people walking on the road (there are no pavements).

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

I also strongly object to the proposal to increase the number of Traveller Pitches on this land.

There are three sites concentrated in this part of the Borough. Any additional caravans at ten acre farm will pose a risk to wildlife on SSSI at Smarts Heath Common and reduce it as a countryside amenity. There is no justification for such expansion in Mayford.

The written brief to the consultants steers their study towards pre-determined reductions to Woking's green belt and no doubt this will have been emphasised during discussions with members and officers.

Taking into account all my points this review and the proposals should be reconsidered because what is currently proposed will destroy Mayford as a Village that has existed since before the eleventh century.

I am also happy to endorse the response by the Mayford Village Society.

bob giddings

