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Dear Sirs

Woking 2027 DPD Consultation

I have lived in Mayford since November 1991 and have recently been made aware of the Woking Planning Proposals that will impact Mayford. Please see my comments below:

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

I am not happy about the proposal to increase the number of Traveller Pitches. Ten Acre Farm is close to common land which is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The wildlife will at risk with more Pitches because of the inevitable increase in domestic animals. Moreover Mayford already provides a major contribution to the Traveller Community and I can see no justification for further expansion of this site.

Site Reference: GB8 (Nursery land adjacent to Egley Road)

I accept that the proposed secondary school on this site represents a special purpose for which green belt land can be used. However, I strongly object to the associated application for a Leisure Centre to include a running track, football and other pitches, and a café. Early morning and late night openings will have a major light and noise impact on Mayford. There will be a need for car parking and additional access roads. The A320 barely copes now and is often jammed. A Leisure Centre is an inappropriate proposal for this area.

Site Reference: 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 for housing on all or any of the above sites. Housing will fill the gap between Mayford and Woking effectively making Mayford a suburb of Woking. The purpose of the Green Belt is to leave space between towns and villages and thus maintain the character of both.. Mayford is an isolated community with its own character and is at risk of being destroyed by these proposals. The increase in population will result in huge pressures on the transport infrastructure. There are only one-way crossings over or under the railway line; delays (and frustration) will occur. Many roads in Mayford do not have pavements. With an increase in population there will be a serious risk of accidents as cars and pedestrians negotiate the local roads and pavements.

Smarts Heath Common is an SSSI. With increased human activity and their domestic pets this will be almost impossible to maintain. The wildlife, having been wiped out in the developed areas, will struggle to survive on the Common.

I urge you to reconsider your plans. What is being proposed will be devastating to Mayford, - and this is a village which is mentioned in the Domesday Book!

Yours sincerely

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