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Dear Sirs

Woking 2027 DPD Consultation

I have lived in Mayford for over twenty years. Recently I have been made aware of the Woking Planning Proposals that will impact Mayford. My comments on these proposals are given below:

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

I object to the proposal to increase the number of Traveller Pitches on this land. Ten Acre Farm is close to Smarts Heath Common which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). An increase in the Pitches will be a risk to wildlife due to the increase in domestic animals. Mayford already provides a major contribution to the Traveller Community; the current lack of schools and other local facilities make the Mayford traveller site unsuitable for expansion.

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

Whilst I accept that the proposed secondary school on this site represents a special purpose for which Green Belt land can be used, I strongly object to the associated

application for a Leisure Centre and running track, football and other pitches. There will be car parking and access roads needed. The local road system barely copes now. Early morning and late night openings will have a major impact on Mayford and the surrounding area. This is an inappropriate development in a residential area.

Site References: 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 of the above sites. Housing will fill the gap between Mayford and Woking thus effectively making Mayford a suburb of Woking. The purpose of the Green Belt is to avoid turning Mayford into a suburb. The character of Mayford is a separate community will be destroyed forever. Mayford is semi-rural and should remain so.

As for Mayford's infrastructure the proposed increase in population will result in huge pressure on the local roads many of which do not have pavements. With more cars and more people the roads (and pavements) will not be able to cope. There are only single-lane road crossings over or under the railway line. I myself have noticed that, even outside peak hours, there are, on average, four cars waiting to cross each way at the bridge from/to Smarts Heath Road (and Saunders Lane). There are also existing problems on Egley Road and traffic on Prey Heath Road will become positively dangerous as people try to reach Worplesdon Station.

I urge you to reconsider your plans for Mayford. It is mentioned in the Domesday Book. It is a special place and should remain a village.

Yours sincerely

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