

Planning Policy Team

Woking Borough Council

Civic Offices

Gloucester Square

Woking GU21 6YL

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Dear Sir/Madam,

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: 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. It's just plain stupid. The increase in population will result in huge pressure on the transport infrastructure. There are only one-way crossings over or above under the railway line: delays will occur; these are *already* bottlenecks.

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

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, a need for car parking and additional access roads. The A320 (both north and south) barely copes now and is often jammed. A Leisure Centre is an inappropriate proposal for this area. I accept a secondary school on this site represents a special purpose for which green belt land can be used, but this is unnecessary and ill-judged.

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

I object to the proposal to increase the number of Traveller Pitches in Ten Acre Farm as it is close to common land which is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Wildlife will be at risk as more pitches cause an inevitable increase in domestic animals. Mayford already provides a major contribution to the Traveller Community, so there is no justification for further expansion.

Reconsider your plans. What is being proposed would not be progress, but simply making existing problems far, far worse!

Yours sincerely

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