

## Woking Council Site AllocationDPD - Green Belt Release

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To: Planning Policy

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Dear Sir ,

I am writing in protest at the plan proposals in the Byfleet, West Byfleet and Pyrford area for an additional 1400 extra houses, starting this year or next with 150 houses plus a 900 pupil private school in Broadoaks, West Byfleet.

I have lived in Byfleet for some 30 odd years and there has been a substantial increase in the population of the village in that time. It seems as though as soon as a small plot of land becomes available the old buildings are knocked down with extra houses put up in their place. In the village, the old British Legion building, Youth club and old Co-op are obvious examples of buildings being replaced for houses/flats. On Chertsey Rd, where I live the old Britax factory, the Kings Head Pub and part of the BA playing fields have all had to make way for housing development. No social amenities were put up in their place; very little account was taken of the infrastructure required to host these additional developments. What used to be a comfortable ride up and down Chertsey Rd has now become a case of dodging and weaving amongst all the cars parked there. A similar story carries for other parts of Byfleet - and now you want to add to the problem!!

To do what you are proposing is again encroaching on the local Green Belt, while 98% of Woking's Green Belt is preserved. How can this be fair! I also understand that there is other land available - Use it!

The Broadoaks development particularly leaves a nasty taste in the mouth, especially the proposal for a 900 pupil private school.

For a start as a private school is it is liable to have a very limited beneficial effect to the local population: the ultimate beneficiaries of this would be the school's investors. Whilst there may be a few local kids attending the school the likelihood is that the vast majority of the pupils would be travelling some distance into the school and many of them no doubt being given lifts in their parents cars (twice a day). If it hasn't escaped your notice Parvis Rd between the Byfleets is already busy several times during the day and any additional traffic is likely to gridlock the whole area - Do you really want to be responsible for that? Even the pupils travelling into school by public transport would have to face the hazard of crossing a really busy Parvis Rd. You would need to build a bridge or underground passage to cater for that - is that in your plans. Not doing so would be inviting a disaster to happen.

Generally speaking the current infrastructure provision (ie for education, health, drains, roads, etc) is already inadequate and must be rectified BEFORE any developments.

Opposing these developments is not a case of nimbyism - we have simply had enough. Go look elsewhere - perhaps in some of the more salubrious areas of Woking for your developments

Yours Sincerely

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