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Dear Sir

Re: Proposed Developments in Woking

I wish to object to various aspects of the proposed developments planned for Woking in particular. My main objections are as follows:-

Roads such as Guildford and Goldsworth Roads are gridlocked at certain times of the day. The development of 85 residential properties at the Coign Church site as well as the properties planned for the old Goldsworth Arms will add to the traffic problems coming in and leaving Woking. Goldsworth Road is narrow just outside the Coign as cars are parked on that road and traffic and buses are often held up. The other developments at Oriental Road and in Woking itself, plus the building on the St Dunstan's and Heathside Crescent sites will also add to the traffic chaos. There are also many office developments planned. These and the new residential properties will put great strain on the required services and will have an enormous and permanent impact on the population of Woking and visitors to the town. This also may have the effect of dissuading people from outside Woking visiting the town.

The number of proposed properties will require more doctors surgeries. There are not enough in the town and, at the present time, one has to wait at least two weeks for an appointment, Is it proposed that more doctors will be employed to ease the shortfall, bearing in mind that there is a great shortage of doctors at the present time? Are new surgeries planned?

It would appear that you are closing part of one of the station car parks so will there be provision for the extra cars that will be generated? Increasingly commuters will park in residential areas creating problems for residents.

There is a development planned for Kingfield Road. This is a very busy Road with a school opposite the development. It is one of the main roads used to get to the A3 but is narrow and with cars parked on both sides creates problems with regard to safety for the children coming and going from the school at the present time.

In view of the large amounts of development plans I cannot see why Green Belt land should be seized. This would appear to be the "thin edge of the wedge" and will create a precedent to take more of this vital reserve.

I appreciate that some improvements are desirable in Woking Town Centre and surrounding areas. There has been a large amount of residential properties built in the last few years, particularly round Woking Station. The sheer scale of the new proposed residential buildings is enormous and I feel excessive in several of the locations. The traffic problems coming in and out of Woking, which are great at the present time, will only increase with these new developments.

These are just some of my objections to the proposed schemes. Please do not disregard this letter as I know, having spoken to many people in the town, that these views are shared by many other people who live in Woking and the surrounding areas.

Yours faithfully,

  
Mrs Louise Greenfield