

Re: Woking 2027 DPD Consultation

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Dear Planning

I have been a resident of Mayford for over 10 years having moved from London to enjoy more open green space - this I fear is now under threat. It has to be recognised that this is the prime reason for people choosing to live in the area and the reason the green belt was instituted in the first place. There seems to be the idea that it is open season on the green belt and this has to be prevented.

However, I recognise the pressures the council are under and the need for a good secondary school in the area but I think some of the proposals go too far. The scale of development would mean that Mayford would no longer be a village and simply become a suburb of Woking - so I think the plans need to be scaled back namely:-

GB7: The local area does more than most to provide for the traveller community and whilst I recognise the need, I object to one area being singled out to meet it. Having such a concentration means pressures on local schools to meet the specific needs. It is also extremely disingenuous that this would still be considered part of the green belt - it would be housing - and needs to be considered as such. To say it would be still part of the green belt is ridiculous. It would also have huge implications for the adjoining SSSI and resident's ability to access it.

GB8

I agree - the area does need a good secondary school option and do not object to this. However, having plans for a gym and public recreational facilities is hardly warranted given the proximity to Woking Leisure Centre - how many gyms do you need in a square mile? The other housing plans around this would also 'fill - in' the area and have Mayford Village quite literally consumed by Woking.

GB9/10/11

My objection here relates to the scale of the proposed development which means that Mayford is being used by the council to meet its housing quotas disproportionately to any other area. The scale of the development would destroy once and for all the 'village' notion and Mayford would simply become a suburb of Woking.

I trust the level of concern expressed by Mayford residents will not be ignored.

Yours sincerely

David Gullen