



Woking Borough Council
Civic Offices
Gloucester Square
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Regarding: Woking 2027 DPD Consultation

Dear Sirs,

I have been a resident of Mayford for 40 years and have recently been made aware of the Woking 2027 planning proposals that will impact Mayford. I am very concerned over the negative effect these proposal will have on Mayford & its residents & comment as follows and although they are not specific to any of your documents, I will refer to the specific site references that I am concerned about:

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

I object to the proposal to increase the number of Traveller Pitches on this land because Mayford already provides a major contribution towards the Traveller Community hence there is no justification for further expansion in Mayford..

Currently, WBC Traveller sites are concentrated in one part of the Borough – Hatchington, Burdeshott Road (one mile from Ten Acre Farm), Ten Acre Farm, Mayford, and Brookwood Lye (three miles from Ten Acre Farm). Additionally, Ten Acre farm is adjacent to Smarts Heath Common, an SSSI, used by residents of Mayford for leisure purposes. Any increase in the present Traveller site of five caravans at 10 Acre Farm would decrease the visual amenity and character of the area and also increase risk to wildlife due to increased number of domestic animals in close proximity.

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 because the housing will fill in any green space between Mayford and Woking, thereby changing the character of Mayford and turning it into a suburb of Woking and increasing greatly the risk of merging of Woking and Guildford. Surely is the whole purpose of the Green Belt is to avoid this stepping stone to a conurbation. There should be consideration for preserving Mayford as a separate settlement to Woking & its character as a Village.

There would be significant impact on Mayford's infrastructure that the increased population will bring. More people mean more cars and more strain on the transport infrastructure. I note that there are no plans to upgrade the roads (some of which have no pavements) or railway bridges (which are all single lane) nor robust solutions to deal with the existing traffic problems on Egley Road. Houses cannot just be built in areas that have no supporting

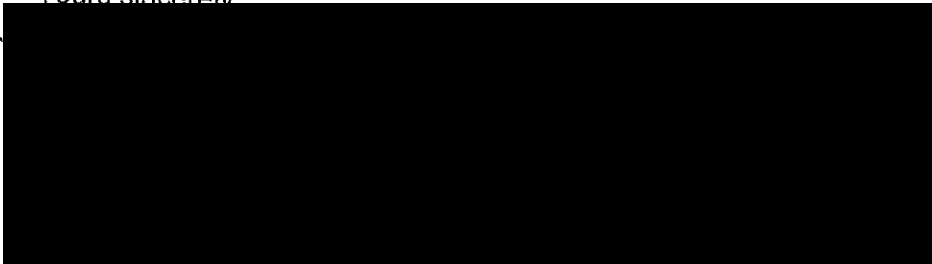
infrastructure – there will be gridlock. Prey Heath Road will become more dangerous as increased traffic to Worplesdon station will be weaving around people walking on the road (as there are no pavements).

Not only will the wildlife in the developed areas be wiped out, but also there will be increased risk to wildlife in our protected Heaths (Smarts Heath and Prey Heath) due to the proximity of the development.

Please reconsider these plans because they will have a devastating negative impact on Mayford as a Village. Mayford is important in the context of U.K as a whole and is mentioned in the Domesday Book

Please also refer to the response by the Mayford Village Society who I am happy also to represent my views

Yours sincerely



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