

## **Objection to Council proposal - Woking 2027 DPD Consultation**

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**Sent:** 28 July 2015 07:26

**To:** Planning Policy

Dear Sir or Madam,

**Re: Woking 2027 DPD Consultation and in particular to site references:**

GB10 (Land to the north east of Saunders Lane, between Saunders Lane and Hook Hill Lane, Mayford GU22 0NN)

GB11 (Land to the north west of Saunders Lane, Mayford, GU22 0NN)

GB14 (Land adjacent to Hook Hill Lane, Hook Heath, GU22 0PS)

As a resident of Hook Heath I am writing to register my objection to the removal of areas GB10, GB11 and GB14 from the Green Belt and to proposals to build houses on parcels GB10 and GB11 post 2027.

**My reasons for objecting are:**

### **The proposed development goes against National Policy**

- National Policy states that Green Belt boundaries should only be altered in “exceptional circumstances” – this has not been proved by Woking Council, especially as Policy clearly states that “housing need – including for Traveller sites – does not justify the harm done to the Green Belt by inappropriate development.”
- I can find no independent evidence that demonstrates that Woking Council has exhausted Brownfield sites for development in its Plan

### **Environmental Factors**

- Green Belt land in Mayford is fundamental to the physical separation of Woking, Mayford and Guildford – this is incorrectly classified only as “important” in the Green Belt Review
- Land relating to Special Protection Areas (including a 400m buffer) was excluded from consideration of the Green Belt Review to protect endangered birds. Prey Heath and Smarts Heath are SSSIs (Special Sites of Scientific Interest) and are designated by Bird Life International as “Important Bird Areas” and therefore should also have buffers applied for the same reason.
- The Mayford Village Society is currently pursuing the inclusion of Prey Heath and Smarts Heath into the Thames Basin Heaths SPA (Special Protection Area) which, if successful, will result in a 400m development buffer zone within which development is not allowed.
- Land North of Saunders Lane includes “Escarpments and Rising Ground of Landscape Importance” (1999 Local Plan Policy NE7 –referred to as CS24 in the Woking 2027 submission) and therefore should not be considered for development.

Your consideration of this objection is appreciated and I wish to be kept informed on updates relating to this proposal

Yours faithfully,

Katherine Horton

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