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**Sent:** 31 July 2015 14:50  
**To:** Jeni Jackson  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Objections to house building plans in Pyrford, Surrey.

Dear Madam,  
My name is Stephen Hounsell and I live at:  
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Woking Borough Council (WBC) have announced proposals for meeting Government housing requirements in the period 2015-2040. Two Pyrford fields, either side of Upshot Lane, have been earmarked in the above proposals for 423 new houses to be built in the 2027-2040 timeframe.

I write in connection with the above WBC proposals. I have examined the proposals in detail and I know the site well as it is less than one quarter of a mile from my house. My wife and I and family have lived in Pyrford for over 25 years. I wish to object strongly to the development of this two field site for housing as follows:

1. One of the main reasons for us to move to Pyrford was the character of the village. The building of 423 houses in the proposed location would ruin the character of the village we once knew. The development of a housing estate would overwhelm the village.
2. The infrastructure of our village is currently at full capacity. Roads are congested often. Schools and nurseries are full and looking to expand. The addition of 423 houses would likely cause gridlock on the roads and would of course swamp other services. Pollution due to traffic congestion should surely be a major concern for WBC? The new roads and hugely increased number of cars using these and existing roads are very close to schools and village services.
3. WBC does not appear to be listening. One of the proposed fields was reported as not appropriate for the above proposals by the council's own planning consultants in the Green Belt Review published in late 2014.
4. The Pyrford Forum has challenged both the removal of the two fields from the Green Belt and the proposal to build 423 houses on them. The Forum seems to be very frustrated by WBC's attitude and procedures.
5. I believe that the Council for the Preservation of Rural England will also be objecting to WBC's proposals for the Pyrford fields.

I would welcome any comments that you may have on my objections and look forward to your early reply.

Best regards,

**Steve Hounsell**

