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Dear Sirs

**RE: WOKING 2027 DFD CONSULTATION**

We are the joint owners of the above address and have lived in Mayford since 2007. We are concerned to hear the Woking 2027 planning proposals and raise our concerns below.

**Site Reference: GB7 – Ten Acre Farm, Smarts Heath Road**

We strongly object to the proposal to increase the number of Travellers Pitches on this land.

We use Smarts Heath Common for leisure purposes, an increase in size to the current Traveller Site would decrease the visual amenity and character of the land and would increase risk to wildlife.

Smarts Heath Road is a residential area and is therefore not suitable for a Traveller Site. Mayford already provides a leading contribution towards the Traveller Community just one mile away.

There is no justification for further expansion in Mayford.

**Site Reference: GB8 – Nursery land adjacent to Egley Road**

**Site Reference: GB9 – Woking Garden Centre, Egley Road**

**Site Reference: GB10 – Land to the north east of Saunders Lane, between Saunders Lane and Hook Hill Lane**

**Site Reference: GB11 – Land to the north west of Saunders Lane**

**Site Reference: GB14 – Land adjacent to Hook Hill Lane, Hook Heath**

We strongly object to the proposal for housing on all of the above sites.

The purpose of Green Belt is to have areas of green space between towns. There appears to have been no consideration of preserving Mayford as a separate settlement to Woking nor the impact on the character of our village.

There appears to have been no consideration to the impact on Mayford's infrastructure that the increased residents will result in. More residents equals more cars. There are no plans to upgrade the existing roads, some are single lane and some are without pavements. Roads will become dangerous to drivers and pedestrians.

Public transport is limited, the majority of residents use private transport, therefore the volume of traffic is high and it is not unusual to see traffic gridlocked during peak hours. Congestion and traffic accidents will increase.

Mayford's current infrastructure cannot support additional residents. Apart from a Post Office and a Barber Shop, there are no other shops, medical provisions, schools or public services to serve 550 new homes.

Building a school with recreational facilities will exacerbate existing traffic problems.

Houses cannot be built in areas that have no supporting infrastructure, it will be total chaos.

We ask you to reconsider your plans – the proposal will have a devastating impact on our village.

Yours faithfully

Garry and Beverley Howard