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Sent: 31 July 2015 15:36
To: Jeni Jackson
Subject: Upshott lane development - personal comment
Dear Jeni

I am a resident of Pyrford, Woking, Surrey and write to you regarding the proposed Upshott Lane development.

I moved to Surrey in 1983 and first lived on The Rigeway. After 2 years my family and I moved to Woking and then in 1998 I moved back to live in Pyrford by choice. I have always loved what Pyrford offers in terms of it's community, the local area, its charm and it's history. I am a keen walker, cyclist and love the outdoors and Pyrford and it's surrounding areas provide all of that and much more. In this day and age with increasing levels of obesity it is vital that open spaces remain to allow people to enjoy the outdoors and keep fit stay social and hopefully stay healthier as a result - both in body and mind. I am a Dietitian and Registered Nutritionist (specialising in Public Health) and all too often realise that these the promotion of these facilities and access to them within a local community can be life changing for families and individuals including the elderly.

My daughter and her new husband also moved to Pyrford and have 2 delightful children who are now ages 4 years and nearly 2 years old. They also chose to live in Pyrford for it's community and to give the children a happy place in which to live.

I am well aware that Pyrford could probably benefit from more housing, particularly for young families and for the increasing elderly population, however this need has to be managed very carefully and sympathetically and in line with existing offerings. My concerns lie regarding the sheer size of the proposed new development; it is already hugely problematic to drive anywhere during peak work/school drop off hours, to get on a train that is not 'standing room only' during peak times, it is difficult to get a doctors appointment within one month 'unless you are an emergency', and there is an existing pressure on school places. What about the water supply, sewage removal and effect on the environment?

Any new development must address these key issues, and much more in order to be agreed.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact such a large development on Upshott Lane would have on the Pyrford area - some new development, managed well, could be the vision for the future but I seriously question the current proposals.

Kind regards
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