

Objection - Pyrford Proposal

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To: Planning Policy

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To Who This May Concern,

I am writing to you today as I am deeply saddened to find out that Woking Borough Council have announced their proposals for meeting housing requirements in the period 2015-2040, which will predominantly impact the east end of the Borough and earmarks the two Pyrford fields, either side of Upshot Lane, for 423 new houses in the 2027 - 2040 timeframe.

My wife and I recently moved to Pyrford (Lincoln Drive) in November 2014 with our 1 year old son, with the idea this is our "forever home", somewhere for us to grow our family and for a grandchildren to visit one day in the future. As soon as we drove into the road we fell in love with Pyrford's charm and character, the natural landscape with footpaths leading to the farms and woodlands. This "quality of life" is one of the main reasons we chose Pyrford as a safe environment for our children to grow up enjoying the unspoilt countryside.

The second priority for us was the "outstanding" Ofsted Pyrford Primary School, which has such a strong association with achievement and success, that will help our children reach high academic standards and for creating learning experiences that contribute to their personal and social development.

I am deeply concerned however these plans for additional housing will cause overpopulation and will greatly impact the infrastructure, transport, traffic, parking, utilities, road safety, schooling, countryside and most off all will have a damning effect on Pyrford as a community, as Pyrford is already congested during the day around the central village area.

Nursery and Pre School facilities are already at full capacity at present and more importantly Pyrford Primary School is about to be re-built with a projected 50 year lifespan expected to meet current demand, an additional 433 new houses will cause major disruption and a massive need for school places in the future.

Elderly Care Facilities are needed more than ever, however there is no consideration for the mature citizens who have lived in the community the longest – some 60 years – our neighbour is a war veteran and a wonderful man, however there is no supply of suitable downsizing apartments for mature citizens who want to stay in the area but cannot find a suitable new home.

My son recently took part in the Pyrford & Wisley Flower Show (our first time attending) and I am constantly impressed by the community of the neighbourhood, everyone watches out for everyone. Our Village is a community where people want to live and much of this revolves about the pleasant environment. Safety is of paramount importance and the character of the village and its wide blend of facilities is something which once destroyed cannot readily be re-created.

I strongly oppose these the proposals for meeting housing requirements in the period 2015-2040.

Kind regards,

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