

Regarding: Woking 2027 DPD Consultation

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To: Planning Policy

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Dear Sirs

As a resident of Mayford for 10 years, of Woking for 20 years, and with a young family, I am writing to express my deep concerns at the Woking 2027 proposals concerning the future of Mayford. My comments are not specific to any of your documents, however the specific site references I am concerned about are:

Site Reference:

GB7 (Ten Acre Farm, Smarts Heath Road)

You will have already received my comments strongly objecting to this in some detail.

GB8 (Nursery land adjacent to Egley Road)

GB9 (Woking Garden Centre, Egley Road)

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

GB11 (Land to the north west of Saunders Lane)

GB14 (Land adjacent to Hook Hill Lane, Hook Heath)

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

The housing will fill in the green space between Mayford and Woking, turning Mayford into a suburb of Woking and increasing the risk of merging of Woking and Guildford – the whole purpose of the Green Belt. There appears to have been no consideration for preserving Mayford as a separate settlement to Woking, nor the impact on the character of the Village.

There also appears to have been no consideration to the impact of an increased population on Mayford's infrastructure. There are currently no plans to upgrade the roads (some of which have no pavements) or railway bridges (which are all single lane) nor robust solutions to deal with the existing traffic problems on Egley Road, which will only get worse. Houses cannot just be built in areas that have no supporting infrastructure – there will be gridlock. Prey Heath Road will become very dangerous as increased traffic to Worplesdon station will be weaving around people walking on the road (as there are no pavements).

Not only will the wildlife in the developed areas be wiped out, but also there will be increased risk to wildlife in our protected Heaths (Smarts Heath and Prey Heath) due to the proximity of the development.

Note I do NOT object to the school planned for Egley Road as I believe this is necessary infrastructure for the residents of Mayford and the surrounding areas, my own family

included. However a lot of new housing in this area would surely require it to increase its planned size significantly, which I am not in favour of and is contrary to the aims and ethos of the school.

Please reconsider your plans - what is currently planned will have a devastating impact to Mayford as a Village. Mayford is unique and is mentioned in the Domesday Book.

Please also refer to the response by the Mayford Village Society who I am happy also to represent my views.

Yours sincerely,

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