

FW: Proposed release of Green Belt land for housing etc in Pырford

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Dear Madam

I have lived in Pырford for nearly 28 years and have greatly enjoyed our rural environment. However it has gradually become more and more congested on the roads as more people are relying on the car even for short trips and school runs. This is particularly evident along Coldharbour Road with the C of E Primary School drop offs and pick ups with parking as far back as the Pырford shops which has a particularly dangerous bend. An accident waiting to happen! The traffic along Church Hill and Pырford Common Road has also increased substantially in recent years as people use this route as a cut through from Ripley to Woking.

With the proposal of 423 additional houses either side of Upshot Lane in Pырford, where are all the children going to be able to go to school and how are the roads going to be able to cope with the massive increase in traffic? And what about the infrastructure, the ageing sewers are only just about able to cope at the moment.

Added to plans for the massive numbers of houses and a school proposed to be built at Broadoaks and West Hall area, Pырford and West Byfleet are destined to become one huge gridlock, which also means an unacceptable increase in pollution levels. Unfortunately in these times it doesn't follow that each new dwelling will only have one additional car, as the norm now appears to be that each adult has a vehicle. There also doesn't appear to be any provision in an increase in support services such as more doctors surgeries and dentists. It is hard enough at the moment to get appointments as the present practices are stretched to their limits.

I do understand that sites need to be found for new housing, but the raiding of the Green Belt with such high density developments is a huge mistake and will have such a detrimental effect on the whole area and residents lives. Pырford and West Byfleet will no longer be villages with their own characters and traditions, but will become extensions of Woking,

In conclusion, Pyrford has an ageing population, many living on their own in large houses with substantial land. If more developments catering for the retired and elderly, such as lifestyle apartments and warden assisted dwellings were built, this would ultimately free up some of the family homes of which we are so desperately short of. It is a know fact that many elderly people are not downsizing due to the unavailability of suitable property to move to, this is particularly true of Pyrford. So perhaps your housing plans should give some consideration to this matter, which I believe would be more popular with the present population of Pyrford.

Yours sincerely
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