

Objection to Proposed Development of Pyrford

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To: Planning Policy; Jeni Jackson

Dear Sir / Madam

Please take this email as my formal objection to the proposed development of two fields in Pyrford to accommodate over 400 new houses in 2027 and beyond. I understand that even Woking Borough Council's own independent advisers, Peter Brett Associates, have registered significant concerns over the proposed development of Pyrford.

The reasons for my objection to this proposal are outlined below:

1. The proposed development is on green belt land. Green belt land should not be seen as an easy option for development – Green Belt has many goals, one of which being to prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another. Pyrford is a small independent village that has successfully remained separate from Woking and has a thriving local “village” culture. A development of this scale between Woking and Pyrford will bring Pyrford significantly closer to being just another suburb of Woking and lose its individual identity that so many of the residents value.
2. Pyrford is a small village with just over 5,000 residents. An increase of 400 plus houses will increase this figure significantly to approximately 6,000. A housing development of this size will require the necessary infrastructure to support the growth in population – expansion of roads, increased school places, appropriate health services etc. All of these will further erode the character of this peaceful village.
3. Woking Borough Council appears to have focused its development plans on the area south of Woking (including, but not limited to Wisley, Ripley, Send, East Horsley and West Horsley). This focus on development in the South Woking area will create even greater pressure on the supporting infrastructure. Many of the roads in the area are closer to being country lanes than main through roads. As an example, Pyrford is already congested during the day around the central village area and during rush hour, roads like the B382 Old Woking Road struggle to cope with the volume of traffic as is.

Please ensure that my objection to these proposals is captured appropriately by the 31 July deadline.

Yours sincerely

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