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Dear Sirs,

Re: Woking 2027 DPD Consultation

I have been a resident on Saunders Lane, Mayford, since 1996. I have been made aware of the planning proposal for our area. Our concerns are not specific to any of the Council documentation we have seen but I will refer to specific site plans that will hugely affect not only our young family but our community as a whole.

Site Reference:

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)

I strongly Object to these plans:

Community: I am horrified by the proposed plans to develop the above sites. Saunders Lane is a close, supportive and friendly community, we are proud to have a busy and active Neighbourhood Watch, Village Society, Church groups and Neighbourly help schemes, which support those in need in our community across Mayford and provides numerous social events for young and old to enjoy – such a large scale development would wipe out this community spirit.

The current green space is used by hundreds of walkers, children and responsible pet owners and is home to some wonderful wild life, which should be protected – it is a beautiful space enjoyed by a much wider community than that of the Mayford residents. The loss of this green space would have a devastating effect on us residents welfare, our families, our community, our pets and the wildlife it will destroy.

Infrastructure: The proposed development would put intolerable stress on our small roads and general infrastructure – our roads are narrow, in places only wide enough for one car, our bridges are single lane, our pavements are also narrow and only on one side of the road.

There is no buse route or public transport, no space for potential bus stops – amenities such as nurseries, primary schools, shops, are small and inadequate for a larger community.

Flooding is currently low but still existing in some areas of Saunders lane, the proposed development would create an unavoidable increase in flood risks to the current houses on the lane, when water is no longer soaked up by fields and trees, but running straight down steep concreted inclines.

Site Reference: GB7 (Ten Acre Farm, Smarts Heath Road)

I object to the proposal to increase the number of Traveller Pitches on this land.

I believe that Woking's current Traveller sites at Hatchington, Burdenshott Road, Ten Acre Farm, Mayford, and Brookwood Lye already provide sufficient contribution towards the Traveller Community. I have young family and dogs, we regularly use Smarts Heath Common for our leisure, a site of natural beauty and calm and protected wildlife, which would be unjustifiably affected by the increase to the current Traveller site.

Site References:

GB8 (Nursery land adjacent to Egley Road)

GB9 (Woking Garden Centre, Egley Road)

I object to the proposal for housing along the Egley Road, although we do support the opening of a secondary school and amenities along the Egley Road.

The housing will put increased pressure on an already busy A320, which is regularly suffers from long tailbacks in peak hours.

The housing will eliminate any separation between Woking and Mayford, increasing the risk of merging of Woking and Guildford.

Mayford is a separate settlement to Woking, a Village, which would become another suburb of Woking

In my view these above mentioned plans would cause gridlock on the road, would destroy wildlife habitats, and would seriously impact on a friendly, close and supportive village and community.

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

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

Yours sincerely,

Mr Piers Leigh

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