

Fishers Oak,  
Saunders Lane,  
Woking GU22 0NU

Planning Policy Team,  
Woking Borough Council, Civic Offices, Gloucester Square,  
Woking, GU21 6YL

19 July 2015

Dear Sir / Madam,

**Re: Woking 2027 DPD Consultation**

I have been resident in Mayford since 1998 and I have a number of objections to the Woking 2027 planning proposals.

**Site References**

**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)**

**I object to the proposal** for housing on all of the above sites for the following **reasons**:

1. **Infrastructure:** Infrastructure in the area is under pressure. This is most evident with respect to transport. Roads are at capacity and the smallest incident leads to severe congestion. Cycling is only for the brave. Trains during the rush hour (and increasingly at non-peak times) are full and the objective of many commuters when getting on at Woking is to find a good place to stand!
2. **Impact on Local conservation areas:** The sites identified to the west of the Woking – Guildford railway line border the Fishers Hill Conservation Area and the Hook Heath Escarpment area of landscape importance. Building on these sites will impact these important areas. All sites are near Prey Heath and Smarts Heath and development will have an adverse impact on this heathland.
3. **Loss of amenity land:** Developing the sites identified will fill the green space between Hook Heath and Mayford, and result in the loss of open space that is enjoyed by many.
4. **Density:** Proposed development density is 30 dwellings per hectare, which is about 3 times the existing density in Mayford. Any plans for development should reflect the existing density.

**Site Ref: GB7 (10 Acre Farm Smarts Heath Rd)**

**I object to this proposal**

**Reason:** There are existing travellers sites at Brookwood, Burdenshott Rd and 10 Acre Farm, all within or a short distance from Mayford. The site at Brookwood has been expanded greatly over the recent years. There is no justification for additional provision in the Mayford area. If there is no legal obligation to provide more sites then I would suggest keeping provision at its current level. If there is a legal obligation to provide more pitches then please find alternative sites in the borough. Additional provision for travellers at 10 Acre Farm will also have an adverse impact on the neighbouring Smarts Heath Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Yours faithfully,

Eva Litjens

