

OBJECTION: Green Belt Site Allocation Plan

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To: Planning Policy

Dear Sirs,

We are writing to register serious concerns and objections to the proposals contained in the above document.

The objections are based on a lack of adequate evidence to

- support the conclusions that Green Belt use is the only viable option
- demonstrate adequate evaluation of potential impacts of proposed developments on residents in the Byfleet/West Byfleet area

The document focuses almost solely on which areas of Green Belt should be developed and provides little or no evidence of what other options, in terms of non Green Belt use or brownfield site use that the Council has considered for meeting its housing development objectives. There appears to have been little or no public consultation on the key question of whether Green Belt land should be released at all – only which areas. The current consultation accepts the principle of Green Belt land use as a given. This sets a major precedent for the future, which should have been the subject of serious public consultation and supported by extensive evidence to demonstrate that other options have been fully researched. It is, naturally, of grave concern to local residents, that the vast majority of the proposed Green Belt development areas are located in the Byfleet/West Byfleet area, which is by no means on the boundary of the Green Belt as is implied by the renamed title of the Brett study, which underpins the proposals.

The consultation document provides little evidence of any structured assessment of how the proposed developments will impact on the local area. A prime example is an absence of any serious assessment of the impact on traffic and road use. The A245 between the Woking and the A3 already struggles desperately with traffic volumes. It, and feeder roads, would just not be able to cope with the additional volumes of traffic, which the proposed developments would generate. Even more gridlock would ensue.

The current consultation process appears to us to be rushed, constrained and supported by totally inadequate evidence for decisions of such magnitude.

Yours faithfully

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