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To: Jeni Jackson

Subject: Objection to plan to build 400+ houses on two fields in Pyrford

Dear Ms Jackson

I would like to object to the proposal to build houses on the two allocated fields in Pyrford. My main point is that if the population is increasing then logic says that *more* land should be allocated as green belt and not less. It seems to me an easy solution to take a field and build a load of house on it, rather than looking at the number of houses that are empty or run down and not do those up. The Government stats say that there are 610,000 empty dwellings in the UK at present, that's an awful lot of houses. I see from your website that you are trying to tackle this, but I think this should be done more aggressively rather than removing green spaces.

My second point is that adding houses to each area around Woking means that all of the facilities and services will also need to be increased in a very congested area. Would it not be better to create a new town/village away from the overcrowded south east of England?

If you do go ahead and build in the village, I can envisage the following problems:

- Major traffic problems. To live in Pyrford and work you need to have a car as the bus service is once/hour and doesn't run early enough to get to work or late enough to get you home. The station in West Byfleet is too far (probably 1.5-2 miles) for most people. Average number of cars/household I would say is 2 or 3 so you are looking at additional 1000 cars trying to get to the A3 down Newark Lane or along the Old Woking road.
- Parking. There is no parking at the school and limited parking at the shops. At school time it's really difficult to get out of the village.
- Children's facilities. We don't have children but the primary school is bursting at the seams and there are no recreational facilities in the village. Will these housing estates have swings, slides, skate parks? All things that are already lacking in the village
- There are no facilities for the elderly in Pyrford and it's a big part of the population, will a day centre with luncheon clubs be built on these estates?

It seems to me that the reason people move to Pyrford is to be in the countryside surrounded by trees. They put up with the lack of facilities provided by the council in order to live in a rural, less populated area. Thanks for taking the time to read this email and I hope you will consider breaking with your current thinking and think of the future and increase the current green belt area.

Best wishes

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