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Dear Councillors

RE WOKING 2027 DPD CONSULTANTION

I have been a resident in Mayford for nearly 10 years and I have been made aware of the Woking 2027 planning proposals specifically those that will impact upon Mayford and the surrounding area.

The main attraction of moving and living in Mayford is it's village atmosphere and rural environment, a quality very much lacking in most of the Borough should remain protected by its Green Belt status. The proposed plans seem to erode this significantly and will have an irreversible negative impact on the Village.

SITE GB 09, 10, 11 and 14

The need for housing is evident in the UK mainly driven by immigration by EU residents, and I appreciate that it can't and shouldn't be ignored. However,

your proposals do not take into account or make any allowances for a reduction in total immigration over the next 4-10 years. The current Conservative government pledged in their manifesto (and so did all the political parties) to reduce both EU and other immigration, these actions would significantly ease the burden of housing demand over time. In addition, with the unrest in the EU zone due to Greece and the forthcoming EU referendum in the UK, the number of immigrants could be hugely decreasing, which could result in further easing of the medium to long-term housing shortage. It would be sacrilege if houses sat empty where once wildlife and openness could be enjoyed and had been sacrificed without due consideration. I must, therefore, strongly object that the Council wants to push through the aforementioned areas for consideration for future development at this point in time, a much clearer picture will emerge over the next 4 years. With most of these areas safeguarded between 2027 and 2040, there is no requirement of necessity to decide that these areas should be removed from the Green Belt now.

Furthermore, in your plans, I see you have made provision for a new school, but no mention has been made of a new doctor or dentist surgery. The local surgeries are full to capacity and it has already extremely difficult to get an appointment. The increase in residents will lead to further delays and deterioration of services in the local area. Again, this will affect the elderly and frail the most with many not being able to see a doctor when required. The Council has failed to make proficient provision in its current plans to ensure these services remain accessible for all. Not to mention the impact the increased volume of traffic will have on the current infrastructure. Further consultation prior to approval should take place before any decisions should be made which would advise on how to mitigate these issues.

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Most Woking Traveller sites are currently concentrated in Mayford area of the Borough, Hatchington, Burdenshott Road, Ten Acre Farm and Brookford Lye

and therefore the Village already provides a major contribution to traveller sites in comparison to other areas of the Borough.

Increasing the number of traveler pitches will lead to further unwanted cold calling, fly tipping and other antisocial behaviour. This will put further pressure on the Mayford community, the Council and the Police. I strongly believe that the Council has a social and environmental responsibility towards Mayford Village and its residents, and this is not being met nor considered by the proposal to increase the number of pitches, and I must therefore object to the proposal.

I would ask you to reconsider your plans, I have outlined any planning issues as to why your plans should be objected to. I know you have many letters on that front already, I specifically refer to the Mayford Village Society response (which has my full support). I am appealing to you on the basis of Social and environmental responsibilities you have as Councillors. By approving these plans you are not safeguarding your residents or showing duty of care, in addition, undue pressure is being put on the aging population of the village. As Stewards of the environment it is your duty to safeguard Mayford Village's open character for future generations not to destroy it.

Yours sincerely

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