

Woking 2027 DPD Consultation

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Dear Sirs,

I have lived in Mayford for over 20 years with my wife and 3 children, all of whom have been educated at Westfield School and have been members of local sports clubs for many years. I wish to comment on the Woking 2027 planning proposals that will impact on Mayford village and I will do this by referring to the site references that I am concerned about:

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

I strongly object to the proposed increase in the number of Traveller Pitches on this land, principally because Ten Acre Farm is adjacent to Smarts Heath Common, which is an SSSI and whose visual appeal and character should be maintained not only for residents of Mayford but for everyone to access where permitted. Such a development might also create an increase in the risk to wildlife due to an increased number of domestic animals nearby. I am aware that planning applications have previously been refused on this site due to the reduction in openness of the Green Belt Area and feel strongly that this should continue to be maintained. In addition there would be no easy access to jobs, shops or other services for any of the new residents.

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 & Hook Hill Lane)

GB11 (Land to the north west of Saunders Lane)

GB14 (Land adjacent to Hook Hill Lane, Hook Heath)

Whilst I support the use of some of the land in GB8 (Nursery land adjacent to Egley Road) for a new secondary school and associated leisure facilities, including an 8 lane athletics track, I strongly object to the proposal for housing on all of the above sites for the following reasons:

1. By filling in the green space between Mayford village and Woking, the distinct character of Mayford will be lost as it is merged in with the outer Woking suburbs. Not only will this mean the loss of a separate settlement that was mentioned in the Domesday Book, but it increases the subsequent risk of Woking and Guildford merging in the future, remembering that the Mayford roundabout is only 2 miles from Slyfield, the outer suburbs of Guildford. The open land which surrounds Mayford is extremely valuable as it separates the various building developments and provides a rural character to Southwest Woking.
2. Mayford's infrastructure is limited to a Post Office and a barbers shop and the new proposals do not address this situation.

3. The wildlife that currently lives in the green belt will be severely affected and the proposed housing development will also lead to increased risks to the wildlife in the neighbouring SSSIs of Smarts Heath and Prey Heath.

4. A significant development of residential housing has been started on More Lane, between Mayford and Westfield, which will increase traffic in the area.

Please reconsider your plans, which will have a devastating impact on Mayford as a village. Please also refer to the response by the Mayford Village Society who I am happy also to represent my views on the proposed housing development.

Yours faithfully,

David Mills