

Woking 2027 DPD consultation

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Regarding: Woking 2027 DPD Consultation

Dear Woking Borough Council,

I have worked as a Nanny for a family in Saunders Lane in Mayford for the last 2 years and have been made aware of the Woking 2027 planning proposals that will impact Mayford. My comments are not specific to any of your documents, however I will refer to the specific site references that I am concerned about:

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)

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

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

- I regularly take the children I look after out on to the Green Belt to explore, play games and play in the park by the Mayford Village Hall. The Green Belt is enjoyed by residents and visitors alike and to destroy it when there are potentially Brownfield sites that could be used is just not right. From what I have read no evidence has been produced to demonstrate that Woking Council has exhausted Brownfield sites for development in the proposed plans.
- The Green Belt in Mayford is fundamental to ensuring that Woking, Mayford and Guildford remain separated.
- During my work we also visit the Woking Garden Centre to feed the fish and also have the occasional treat at the cafe. The Garden Centre is a popular place in Mayford and would be a big loss.
- We frequently walk along Saunders Lane or the children go on their bikes or scooters. However, this can be dangerous at times as Mayford has a very poor road network and the

roads are narrow as are the pedestrian footpaths. There is also a lot of traffic and in peak hours when I do the school run the traffic is very heavy. The proposed developments would have a significant impact to the amount of traffic on Saunders Lane and in Mayford in general especially around the one lane bridges.

- The traffic along Egley Road currently is very heavy in peak hours and it takes at least 15 minutes outside of the Peak hours to get into Woking Town Centre due to the amount of traffic. The proposed developments would just add to this and make it even busier.

I ask that you reconsider the development plans and look at further Brownfield sites to ensure that Mayford retains the Green Belt and can be enjoyed by all.

Yours sincerely,

Gemma Newton