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Dear Ms Jackson

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IN PYRFORD IN UPSHOT LANE/PYFORD COMMON ROAD

I am writing today to officially lodge my objection to the proposed housing developments planned for Pyrford. Please register my request.

I moved to Pyrford with my family in 1984 as it offered the perfect family environment I required. Many changes have taken place in the intervening years and I feel it is now time to call the expansion of this area to a halt. I list a few of the developments that have already taken place in recent years to provide extra housing. The development of Wexfenne Gardens for housing, the old Rowley Bristow site for housing and the current redevelopment of Oakfield School for housing all producing the need for extra classrooms at Pyrford School to meet the rising school place numbers in the area.

To this end I list below some of the reasons for my objection to the two planned housing developments on the fields adjacent to Upshot Lane, and in no order of priority:-

1. The extra traffic that will inevitably come from this proposed housing, to an already extremely busy area, will only add to the current heavy congestion at peak times that is already causing pollution and extended journey times on a daily basis. Some of this traffic will have to pass the local school and will only add to 'an accident that is waiting to happen' during term time at Pyrford School due to bad parking on a narrow road.
2. Has sufficient consideration been given to the type of housing that is needed in this area? Very few young people, who have grown up in Pyrford, are able to stay due to the ever escalating property prices. Will any of the proposed new houses be available for first time buyers and affordable? Housing for the elderly is also in very high demand in all its forms, has this been considered?
3. What will happen to the pressure put on to services such as gas, electricity, fresh water, sewage, drainage, and telecommunications?
4. What will happen to the pressure on the local school?
5. What will happen to the pressure on doctor's surgeries – appointments already running with a two week delay?
6. What will happen to pressure on all NHS's services?

7. What will happen to the added pressure on all Social Services provided by WBC?
8. What will happen to our Green Belt? Very soon London will be linked to Surrey. Our green and precious land is being given over to concrete without sufficient consideration of the consequences in years to come. The preservation of the Green Belt, not only in Surrey but throughout UK is crucial. Once it's gone it's gone forever!
9. Finally, the processes by which the Borough Council have come to its conclusions in this matter appear to be flawed and unclear and are in need of further investigation before any proposals can be submitted for discussion for future planning in the area.

Not so long ago the 'Government' of the day, in its wisdom, sold off a great deal of Council housing and replaced very little, is it not time the 'Government' of the day replace some of that stock in the form of 'New Towns' instead of taking away our countryside? There is room for housing in this green and pleasant land, but that place is not in Pyrford.

Yours sincerely,

Pauline Newton (Mrs)