

Proposed development in Pyrford

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To: Jeni Jackson

Cc: Planning Policy

Dear Ms Jackson and Planning Policy,

I'm writing to you with regards to the proposed 400+ houses that have been earmarked for either side of Upshot Lane in Pyrford.

I STRONGLY OBJECT to the existing proposal due to impacts on the existing residents and significant invasion into the surrounding green belt landscape.

The consequences of the planned development has not been considered with regards to local residents including:

- The significant increase in traffic within the area - there is already too much traffic in the area and will lead to gridlock. Existing bus services are pathetic within the area - indeed there is only a basic in daylight hours between West Byfleet and Woking and this disappears over the weekend.
- West Byfleet is already a traffic bottleneck and additional housing, including that in West Byfleet, will make lives a misery for many people. The traffic at the junction of where I live with Old Woking Road already causes many major accidents due to speed and traffic volumes and it can take several minutes to exit the end of the road currently. The development will mean a large increase in traffic wishing to exit through Pyrford Common Road (opposite Norfolk Farm Road), leading to more congestion and potential for accidents.
- Impacts on schools and health services that are already overburdened. As a parent of a child with special needs there is already much pressure on providing quality care for individuals who require additional health care. It is quite difficult to find parking spaces around West Byfleet even to visit the health centre.
- The significant loss of green space including views of the North Downs that can never, ever be replaced.
- The existing rail service, especially into London, is already heavily subscribed and as someone who needs to travel by train the carriages are already "standing room only" in many rush hours. Prices for tickets are already high and the chances are that there would be even less likelihood of getting a seat.

I am sure many other residents feel the same as myself and are equally upset with the proposals and are also writing to you.

The fact remains that once development is permitted this will be the "thin end of the wedge" and the green belt will never be recovered, making what was once a enjoyable place to live just another large suburban gridlocked town.

I look forward to the proposal being dropped as per residents wishes.

Regards

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