

Reg18 rep J Oakley 2

Site Allocations DPD

Site reference; GB10, GB11, GB14 and GB8

Objecting

1. I object to the release of green belt land at GB10, GB11 and GB14. This area of green belt separates Hook Heath Woking from the village of Mayford. One of the founding principles of the green belt to maintain the separation between towns and villages would be violated. The proposed housing densities for GB10 and GB11 at 30 per Hectare are far too high and completely out of keeping with the surrounding area. This would be contrary to the national Planning Policy framework guidelines.

I understand that green belt land should only be released for building in exceptional circumstances. I object strongly to land being released for possible future development from 2027 to 2040 which is outside the period of the current core strategy which ends in 2027.

I also feel that the three parcels of land GB10, GB11 and GB14 provide far too large an area for development, producing a sizeable estate that would completely alter the semi-rural feel of that part of Hook Heath and Mayford.

I know the council feel they will be short of 550 houses which have to be built before 2027 but a much smaller development along Saunders Lane would be much more satisfactory, keeping the fields at the base of the escarpment as green belt between Hook Heath and Mayford.

2. I do not object to the release of land at GB8 to build a new secondary school which is badly needed. I am not, however, in favour of a separate leisure centre run by Freedom Leisure that will be open continuously. I understand there will be flood lighting and evening and weekend athletics meetings. This is inappropriate on Egley Road and will be horrendous for residents living opposite the site. There will be serious traffic issues on Egley Road which is at a standstill on many mornings.