

Release of land from Green Belt - GB11

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Sir/Madam,

The thought that the area between Mayford and Hook Heath could be turned into another "Goldsworth Park" is alarming.

This is a delightful area of Woking, where the air is clean, there's hardly any air traffic, the views towards the North Downs are amazing, many individual houses are of historical importance and wildlife is abundant. How can you do this? Do we really want to turn our town into wall-to-wall housing?

This is a relatively large parcel of land, which with 30 dph will lead to uncharacteristic overcrowding of houses. Saunders Lane may be ribbon development, but it is backing onto more fields - hardly comparable to Goldsworth Park. And should such a plan go through, what happens to the green recreation area owned by WBC, partly used by the Village Hall and the Bowling Club? Surely, it would be even more essential to have some "green infrastructure". There is nothing more delightful than sitting at the top of the hill and looking across to St Martha's Hill and the Chancies and feeling a sense of being in the countryside (which I know we aren't really). That would be lost forever behind a jungle of houses.

Saunders Lane is another factor. The road is already too narrow for the few houses using it to even park their cars on it, unless they use the lay-bys. It is a rat-run in the mornings from Brookwood and the local residents already suffer from speeding traffic. More houses with double the number of cars per household compared to 50 years ago when Saunders Lane was a sleepy backwater..... Just horrible.

And whilst you may think the land is well away from the escarpment, it is prone to severe flooding in the western half of the field, which overflows into Saunders Lane. Geographically this will never change.

Lastly, whilst other areas, to be released from Green Belt, have been farmland, GB11 is used daily by ramblers, walkers and joggers.

Please leave it as Green Belt. 2027-40 is a long way off and housing-needs change. We strongly suggest you defer your decision until 2022.

Yours faithfully,

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(17 years residents of Sun Hill)

