

Woking 2027 DPD Consultation

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To: Planning Policy

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Dear Sirs

I am writing to you with reference to plans for the Green Belt GB8 / GB9 / GB10 / GB11 / GB14.

I wish to express my strongest objections for the DPD plans at all of the above locations. I have been resident in Saunders Lane for nearly 10 years and believe that future plans for re-classification of the land and future development in the above locations would have a hugely detrimental effect on the local environment and community.

I believe that there would be a devastating effect on the Green Belt area in Mayford and the wildlife, especially the birds and deer that frequent the open spaces surrounding us, which include Specific Sites of Scientific interest on Smarts Heath and Prey Heath Commons. Mayford has a strong history and identity which will be destroyed by plans to absorb it into the suburbs of Woking and effectively all but merge the boroughs of Woking and Guildford. As it is mentioned in the Doomsday book Mayford's history and heritage is there for all to see. In future years, if developments are permitted, then Mayford would have no identity.

Mayford currently has only a very limited infrastructure - we have only 2 pubs, a village shop / Post Office and a Mens Barbers shop and I note that there are currently no plans whatsoever to improve any of the infrastructure of the village.

We have no Doctors, Dentist or other Medical facilities, we have a very limited public transport system and difficult access to properties in Smart Heath Road and Saunders Lane, and surrounding roads. Access from the main road to properties is only possible over one of 3 single track bridges. Many of our lanes are not lit at night and Saunders Lane is very tight for passing vehicles outside Emmanuel Church. Future development would increase traffic dramatically on roads which are already struggling to cope. New residents would have to travel outside of Mayford to visit any facilities that are required - further increasing pressure of public transport and the roads, as well as pressure on Doctors and other medical facilities in the surrounding areas.

Our only shop currently has only 6 allocated parking spaces and there is constantly congestion when people try to park during busy periods - there was another traffic accident again just last week at this location.

For existing residents it is already difficult to travel into Woking during the peak morning hours and a simple 2 mile journey can often take in excess of 30 minutes, again this problem would be increased with more residents.

The future plans for development in Saunders Lane (GB10 and GB11) would be for significantly more properties than currently exist in Saunders Lane and would have a hugely negative effect on existing residents, most of who have lived here for many years.

I would also like to bring to your attention the issue of flooding following heavy rain in Saunders Lane. During periods of heavy rain the drains and gulleys in Saunders Lane often struggle to cope with the amount of rain water and the water often collects in the Lane and can flow into some of the properties. Future development, without significant investment into the infrastructure, in Saunders Lane will make the issue of surface water worse and cause further issues of flooding into existing properties.

As a conclusion I would like to re-confirm my objections and ask you to reconsider your future plans for Mayford and the devastating effect that they will have on our community. I will be sending a copy of my objections to Mayford Village Society and am happy for them to represent my views.

Yours sincerely

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