

Green Belt release, Byfleet

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To: Planning Policy

Good afternoon,

I had a flyer through the door about the Green Belt Release planned for Byfleet, West Byfleet, and Pyrford. It said to email with any representations we wished were made. I live in Byfleet village, and have done for around 18 months now. I use the A245 every day, there's not a way out of Byfleet which doesn't interact with the A245 in some way. It's a highly congested road, not helped by the fact it is a single lane carriageway, which is the main route for commuters, either heading through West Byfleet, or onto the A3. In the morning, any time after 0730hrs, the road is slow moving, usually all the way to the A3. This queue can stretch back to Byfleet village at the Weybridge roundabout, or on bad days, all the way back to the Tesco roundabout. If Byfleet and West Byfleet were to be more populated, this would be even worse, and it would make what is a great area one which is plagued by traffic problems. In the afternoon, the queue stretches all the way back to the Tesco roundabout, and I've been stuck in traffic jams at weekends, and middle of the weekdays too which shows that it's not just commuting times, it's the road itself. Adding more people to the area would make the problem worse.

Other roads are also in pretty bad state. Godley Road is a state where they've dug it up and replaced it. It has bumps and cracks, and is uneven all the way up it. High Road was recently resurfaced which they did a great job on, and the other roads could do with similar treatment.

The area also flooded really badly the first winter I moved here in 2013, where I know a lot of people in the surrounding streets were flooded. Adding more homes to the green belt area runs the risk that these new homes will be in danger of flooding as well. Even now, we had heavy rainfall one day and the roads couldn't deal with the surface water.

Many thanks,

Phil Potter