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Dear Ms Jackson

I first wrote to Woking Borough Council approximately five/six years ago, objecting to the proposal that the field bordered by Tegg's Lane; Upshot Lane and Pyrford Common Road was being considered for housing development.

One of my objections then was that this would set precedence and further fields would be taken – and eventually Pyrford would be joined up with Ripley!! So your late changes to the Site Allocations DPD to include the second field bordered by Upshot Lane; Sandy Lane and Pyrford Common Road only confirms my previous concerns – which I have to say is extremely worrying.

In my opinion the extra homes you are planning to build on these two fields will ruin the rural village environment that the residents of Pyrford enjoy and appreciate.

The infrastructure of this area will not cope with such a large development. The roads and any available parking facilities are already overloaded – especially with school traffic times. The Primary School continues to show an increase in local traffic. There are no Senior Schools local to the area, which also encourages more school traffic. Not to mention the disruption in the area the building process will cause.

Local shopping facilities are limited, and I am sure the already pressurised Health Centre in West Byfleet will be unable to cope; especially with your housing developments planned for Byfleet and West Byfleet.

So how will the residents of Pyrford benefit from an extra :

433 Homes

866 Adults (minimum)

Average of 900 children (initially)

Possibly 900 extra vehicle

Since I first wrote to the Council five/six years ago I have been kept informed by letter through all the stages the Council have worked on to produce the Core Strategy – and I appreciate the benefits and your efforts in producing this document. However, I also understand from knowledgeable experts that there are other more suitable areas for development in the Borough, before taking up this valuable Green Belt Land. As a long standing resident of Pyrford, I implore you to reconsider your development plans and leave Pyrford as the beautiful rural village that it is today.

Yours sincerely

Malcolm G Rapps

P.S. I find it necessary to write as an individual as you appear to be avoiding the collective
(and “consulted”) objections from Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum.