

Objection to GB12 and GB13, Pyrford

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To: Planning Policy

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to submit an objection to the proposal to rezone greenbelt sites GB12 and GB13 in Pyrford for future residential development.

My reasons as to this objection are listed below:

- Pyrford is a historic village that has retained its character through deliberate restriction of development.
- The green spaces surrounding Pyrford ensures and supports a wide variety of important wildlife.
- The green belt is designed to prevent urban sprawl (which is being proposed here).
- Once green space is developed upon, it is unheard of to reverse the trend ie. removing houses and re-greening it.
- Natural surroundings are important contributors to well-being, quality of life, mental health.
- An open door immigration policy held at a governmental level resulting in a housing crisis isn't reason enough to compromise the purpose of the greenbelt.
- Pyrford has poor road infrastructure already which this proposal would worsen (eg. drive down Coldharbour road at school pickup / drop off time).
- Proposed developments around Pyrford by the Guildford council (ie. Send, Ripley, Wisley) will have a compounding impact upon inadequate infrastructure should they go ahead.

I suggest the following course instead:

- Pursue ways to increase the density of existing housing stock in Pyrford in a sustainable way that caters for actual needs (ie. aged care provision enabling downsizing to free up housing stock for families)
- Pursue ways make the green open space wider available to residents and out of area persons (ie. recreational facilities – but not funded by selling the greenbelt to developers).

One other thing to note, the Pyrford Forum has publically indicated multiple of their submissions to WBC have not been dealt with according to process. They state (published on their website, 30/7/2015):

“The Borough have ignored the PNF's 2 letters raising concerns about the Green Belt Review and their advisers attempts to address the Borough Executive were repulsed with the Executive proceeding to take the decision to publish the DPD apparently without reviewing valid representations. The PNF has objected to the Borough's approach as have their advisers.”

I don't know whether this is true or not, but I'd suggest efforts are made to address their concerns and ensure future representations are treated in a fair and transparent manner.

Otherwise your future planning could reasonably be affected through disputes and challenges which are made upon a good basis.

Regards,

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