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From: Rosemary Richardson [REDACTED]
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To: Jeni Jackson
Subject: Upshot Lane, Pyrford - Release of Green Belt

Dear Jeni Jackson

I am a resident of Pyrford and this email is in response to the release of green belt land either side of Upshot Lane in Pyrford Village, and the proposed building of some 400+ homes.

In conjunction with the proposed building of some 2000+ homes on the old Wisley Airfield site, together with some 700+ homes in West Byfleet, how is the local road/school/healthcare/utilities infrastructure going to cope?

The local roads in the Wisley/Pyford/Ripley/West Byfleet area are narrow and the inevitable increase of traffic caused by this additional housing will make any journey more hazardous. The road surfaces are peppered with potholes and dreadful (one might say dangerous) uneven surfaces, which get patched up on occasion, and this is with the current levels of traffic, what on earth will it be like in the future? Commuters travelling to London will need to get to West Byfleet or Woking, and as there are very few early morning buses they will need to drive through Pyrford to get to either station. There have been numerous accidents (some fatal) along the Old Woking Road over recent years, the influx of additional traffic is only going to make it worse!

The West Byfleet Health Centre is at capacity now, you currently have around a 3-4 week wait for non-urgent appointments, goodness knows what you do if you need an urgent one, I'm guessing a long wait at a Walk In Clinic or a trip to St Peter's A&E and a long wait there, and this is with the current levels of the local population.

We have good schools in our area, but they are at capacity now, in fact during school run times roads around Pyrford are a no go area. What will it be like in the future, total gridlock I think!

What about the supply of all the utilities to these new homes, water pressure now is awful what will it be like in the future? We have on occasion suffered from power cuts, will this happen more frequently? When we had prolonged wet weather like we did during the autumn/winter 2013, Surrey and the Surrey\Berkshire borders suffered horrendous flooding. Driving on the road between Pyrford and Ripley during this time was extremely hazardous because of the rain water streaming down the hill from the church, and this is with the green belt in tact. What would it be like with all the proposed houses having been built and the increase in hard landscaping? How will the excess water be absorbed?

I do understand that housing stocks need to be replenished, but why concentrate on building in the South East???? We are already massively overcrowded in this area. If you have been in an aeroplane recently and flown over London and the south east, you will see just how crowded this area is, what few green spaces there are really stick out and this needs to remain that way. Towns and villages need to remain separated with green space, otherwise we are just going to become one enormous metropolisand how awful would that be?

Yours sincerely
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