

The loss of Green Belt in Mayford.

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To: Planning Policy

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Dear Sir,

I have lived in Mayford for 32 years and I strongly object to the proposals for housing on all the following references GB8, GB9, GB10, GB11 and GB14. The housing will fill in any green between Mayford and Woking turning Mayford into a suburb of Woking increasing greatly the risk of merging Woking and Guildford the whole point of Green Belt. The government attaches great importance to Green Belt. The fundamental aim of Green Belt is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open. The essential characteristics of Green Belt are their openness and permanence. Green Belt serves five purposes. 1. To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas. 2. To prevent neighbouring towns or villages merging into one another. 3. To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment. 4. To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns and villages (Mayford is mentioned in the Domesday Book). 5. To assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land.

Mayford already provides a major contribution towards the traveller community. There is no justification for further expansion in Mayford. Traffic between Guildford and Woking is heavy especially at peak times and to build a school on a very busy through road will only exacerbate the situation. Everywhere will be gridlocked. The water levels will rise if the building of houses go ahead and more flooding will occur. Our wildlife will be wiped out. There appears to have been no consideration for preserving Mayford as a separate settlement to Woking nor the impact on the character of the village. Green Belt should be Green Belt forever no matter what. Once it is gone it is gone for good. We must protect our Green Belt for future generations and for the wildlife.

Yours sincerely

Mrs JK Roberts