

Objection to Proposal for house building in Pyrford

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Hi Jeni

My wife and I are alarmed at the prospect of over 400 houses being built in land in and around Pyrford and would like to give our strongest objections to the current plans and to the overall intention.

Whilst we understand that houses do need to be built across the UK, over 400 in a village such as Pyrford seems extraordinarily excessive and, we believe, will destroy many of the positives that Pyrford has to offer us as residents of a village. These include many of the reasons we chose to move here 6 years ago:

- A wonderful community atmosphere that only exists in a small village-environment
- Green spaces, including woodland, recreation and walking areas such as footpaths
- Local pride and care for both the environment and the existing properties within Pyrford

We also object on the basis of the increase in traffic additional housing will cause. Pyrford is already seeing larger amounts of traffic as the local primary school is accepting more and more pupils (and is expanding) and without substantial and comprehensive road planning, the addition of this number of houses will cause absolute gridlock on certain roads at many times of the day. The roads that feed into Pyrford from the south, such as the road from Ripley, are already extremely busy for their size and intended capacity and lead into some of the areas where house building is proposed. The junction at Church Hill/Upshot Lane is a very well used route into and out of the village as well as for through traffic and not one that could suffer any increase in throughput without it leading to vastly increased danger to both drivers, riders and pedestrians.

We do understand that Pyrford will grow and houses will be built but significant investment is needed in infrastructure before this can even be considered. We believe the current plans are ill-thought through and planners should sympathise more with the number and placing of new properties being built and their location so that the increase does not suddenly impact a beautiful and charming Village for existing residents.

With our very best regards

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