

WOKING 2027 DPD CONSULTATION

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To: Planning Policy

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Dear Sirs

WOKING 2027 DPD CONSULTATION

I have been a resident of Mayford for 40 years and have recently been made aware of the Woking 2027 planning proposals that will impact Mayford. My comments are not specific to any of your documents, but the following refers to the sites that I am particularly concerned about.

1. Site Reference: GB7 (Ten Acre Farm, Smarts Heath Road)

I strongly object to the proposal to increase the number of Traveller Pitches on this land as there are already two existing sites in this part of the Borough, and Mayford already provides a major contribution towards the Traveller Community. I therefore do not feel there is any justification for further expansion in the Mayford area. Also as Ten Acre farm is adjacent to Smarts Heath Common, an SSSI, used by residents of Mayford for leisure purposes, any increase in the present Traveller site of five caravans at 10 Acre Farm would decrease the visual amenity and character of the area and also increase risk to wildlife due to increased numbers of domestic animals in close proximity.

Over the years successive Planning Inspectors have refused applications on this site because they reduce the openness of a Green Belt area and this is still relevant today.

2. Site References:

GB8 (Nursery land adjacent to Egley Road)

GB9 (Woking Garden Centre, Egley Road)

GB10 (Land to the N/E of Saunders Lane, between Saunders Land & Hook Hill Lane)

GB11 (Land to the N/W of Saunders Lane)

I strongly object to the proposal for housing on all of the above sites.

With the proposed increase in housing Mayford village would simply turn into a suburb of Woking and in time Woking and Guildford would risk merging into one town. The Green Belt area is supposed to prevent this happening. No consideration has been made to preserve Mayford as a separate area to Woking which would change the whole character of the Village if this was not carried out. In addition to this, the impact on Mayford's infrastructure with this increase in population, will mean more cars and more strain on the transport infrastructure. Many of the roads in this area do not have pavements and I note that there are no plans to upgrade the roads or railway bridges which are all single lanes. Neither are there any proposed solutions for the already existing traffic problems on Egley Road and additional houses built in this area will only cause gridlock. Prey Heath Road will also become very dangerous as traffic increases to Worplesdon station, where pedestrians are also walking with no pavements, causing cars to swerve in and out.

With regard to the wildlife in the developed areas this will be wiped out, but also there will be increased risk to wildlife in our protected Heaths (ie Smarts Heath and Prey Heath) due to the proximity of the development.

Mayford is unique in the UK and is mentioned in the Domesday Book and I would ask that you reconsider your plans as what is currently planned will have a devastating impact on Mayford as a historical Village.

Please also refer to the response by the Mayford Village Society who I am happy also to represent my views.

Yours faithfully

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