

**Fw: Woking Site Allocation DPD**

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**Sent:** 30 July 2015 10:41

**To:** Planning Policy

Dear Sir / Madam

It crossed my mind that I did not include my full address when submitting my comments on the DPD so I am resending these with my address added, just in case my oversight causes them to be rejected

Kind regards

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 29 July 2015, 12:00

**Subject:** Woking Site Allocation DPD

Dear Sir / Madam

Please find below my comments on the DPD, for consideration during the consultation period

Yours faithfully

Jeff Sechiari

**Comments**

The Byfleet area already has huge problems with its infrastructure - roads (the A245 is gridlocked for much of the day and the air quality in places is already out of bounds), health provision, school places, flooding, etc. Increasing the population without addressing these beforehand is surely unthinkable?

Byfleet has been so heavily developed over the years that there is very little green space left for the population to enjoy. It would be a tragedy if the last of it were to be taken away, leaving just a little (that is prone to flooding or trapped alongside the motorway). This would leave the local population with almost no green space to enjoy. This is particularly striking when it is realised that almost all of Woking's green belt outside Byfleet, West Byfleet and Pyrford has been left untouched when distributing the burden. Is this fringe of the borough simply seen as a convenient dumping ground for unwanted development?

The Green Belt review (by an independent consultant renowned for his desire to see the end of the Green Belt) seems to come to the conclusion that Byfleet would be better off with the removal of its odd little pockets of green space so that it can have a nice well defined boundary of the M25 / Wey Navigation - a very odd argument and a view not shared locally.

Surely, in this day and age, we are trying to encourage people to get outside into the fresh air - to get children away from the computer / TV screen and the increasingly obese population out and about? The way to do this doesn't start with removing the green spaces that encourage them outside.

In particular I would like to question whether there is actually a need to keep on filling up the South East of England in general, and the borough of Woking in particular? It is generally acknowledged that one of the problems the country has is that economic activity is concentrated in London and the South East and it would seem to me that the focus should be on improving the economic health and desirability of the rest of the UK rather than encouraging the population to move to the South East. If such developments would help future local generations to remain local there would be some merit, but in practise they are still forced out by price.