

Woking 2027 DPD Consultation

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To: Planning Policy

To ; Planning Policy Team , Woking Borough Council .

I refer to the Woking 2027 planning proposals concerning proposed development in Mayford and the Mayford area . As a resident of Woking Borough at Burdenshot Hill , adjacent to Mayford , for some 38 years I wish to object to specific parts of your proposals and to the planned development within the Green Belt .

Whilst Woking Borough is a largely urban borough , I believe it has a duty to protect the green and rural parts of the borough as well as looking after the urban , built-up part . The small space between Woking and Guildford is a precious green and rural area which is valuable in its own right as well as providing a distinct zone separating the two large towns . Development in this green belt would be destructive to this special environment .

I am particularly concerned about the following specific site references :

Site Reference ; GB7 (Ten Acre Farm , Smarts Heath Road)

I object to the proposal to increase the number of Traveller Pitches on this site . Mayford already provides a substantial contribution and there is another large Traveller site in the Hatchington , Burdenshott Road nearby . The proposed increase would reduce the rural nature of this Green Belt area and would adversely impact on the SSSI at Smarts Heath Common . The application should be refused .

Site References ; GB8 , GB9 , GB10 , & GB11 (Land adjacent to Egley Road and Saunders Lane)

I object to the proposal for development of housing on each of the above sites . If built as proposed , the built-up , urban area of Woking would extend right out to and including Mayford . This would leave only about two miles between urban Woking and the start of urban Guildford around Slyfield . This green area should not be allowed to be destroyed by over development . It has already been damaged by allowing the establishment of an industrial site at Havering Farm and the growth of the market gardens/ garden market on the north of Egley Road / Guildford Road . The development proposed at the above sites would damage the rural environment , endanger the wildlife of Smarts Heath and Prey Heath and put strain on the roads and transport infrastructure . Traffic on Prey Heath Road (to Worplesdon Station) and over the narrow Kemishford Bridge would be significantly increased . These are rural lanes unsuited to heavy density urban traffic .

The proposed development should be refused .

From ; Brian Sheppard .