

Comments on site allocations development plan- hook Heath and mayford

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To: Planning Policy

I am writing in response to the above document published for public consultation on 18th June 2015.

I am delighted to see that the new school is going to go ahead. This will of course create challenges with traffic given how busy Egley Road already is. By also opening significant areas for housing development, the additional traffic burden in addition to that created by the new school is a real concern.

The green belt land around Hook Heath and Mayford is an integral part of the character of these areas and is a hugely important part of their character and serves very effectively to do exactly what green belt is intended for; to prevent urban sprawl between these areas.

While I understand the need to provide housing for a growing population, the scale of the sites proposed for release go far beyond the expected housing needs highlighted in the Woking Core Strategy (a further 1200 homes beyond 2027). I am unclear what is the justification for this additional number.

The concentration of the dwellings suggested for the Saunders Lane sites are surprisingly dense compared to the surrounding area and I am concerned that this will further exacerbate the road safety issues in Hook Heath Road and Saunders Lane. These roads are already narrow, windy and cars drive too fast. If the traffic usage increases, I am very worried about the impact on safety of road users and pedestrians using the area for leisure as all our family do.

Regards,

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