

Green Belt Proposals - Mayford

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To: Planning Policy

Cc: [REDACTED]

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to voice my concerns and disapproval over council plans to permit **green belt land north of Saunders Lane** to be used for housing development.

It strikes me as totally ludicrous that the council are not first considering the redevelopment of brownfield sites in and around the borough instead of re-designating greenbelt land (which was designated for good reason) for further development.

My primary concern with redeveloping Mayford is that the road infrastructure to/from Woking-Guildford is already woefully inadequate for the volume of traffic currently using it. I resent having to queue out of Saunders Lane mornings and evenings all the way into Woking one way system for in excess of 45mins, just because a lorry is blocking one lane for unloading goods at Tesco or Co-Op on the system itself. That should start to tell you the current road transportation system is already overcrowded and at breaking point.

I resent even more the prospect of 500+ additional vehicles all teaming to get across the Bird in Hand roundabout to head either to Woking or to Guildford and the additional tailback they will bring each morning and evening as well as their associated pollution if plans go ahead for new housing north of Saunders Lane. Not to mention the building and construction lorries that will make living in Mayford impossible for however long they are here for.

We haven't even seen what effect the new secondary school in Egley Road is going to bring with parents dropping off/picking up their children on midweek mornings and afternoons - the busiest times of the day..... right next to a busy A road.... If the council intend to bring additional footfall into Mayford on top of this when the infrastructure is already at breaking point, the council will only be contributing to the demise of Mayford Village instead of investing into a solid infrastructure which supports future growth. It's impossible to have growth without any thought to the infrastructure. The proposed widening of Saunders Lane as per your plan proposals alone doesn't accomplish this.

I am also concerned with the fact storm drains, sanitation and utilities underneath Saunders Lane that date from the 1930's will also need to be drastically upgraded and strengthened in order to accommodate the surge in demand said housing development will bring. I have been witness to the closure of Vicarage Road in Kingfield this past winter and the thoroughly miserable experience it has been both to resident and motorist trying to get anywhere around that part of town. This was a direct result of poor infrastructure when additional housing has been added and not thought about from a planning perspective. This simply cannot be left to happen again.

With regards to **a proposed traveller site off Smarts Heath Road**, I do understand and appreciate that travellers need somewhere to live. I don't however feel that the site identified is either suitable to the existing neighbourhood or pleasing to the traveller community for which it is intended. The council can easily accommodate this close to the existing "Hatchingtan" and reclaim an area of Whitmoor Common in order to accomplish this where there is minimal effect felt by the existing community.

Yours Sincerely,

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