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Ms Jeni Jackson
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Dear Ms Jackson

Objection to Proposed Upshot Lane, Pyrford Development

I write to register the objection of my wife and I to the proposed development of some 400 houses on Upshot Lane.

Our concern is only partly driven by the loss of Green Belt land and the other visual consequences this will have. Our greater worry is about the additional burden such development will have on the roads in the immediate area. Upshot Lane and Pyrford Common Road are both relatively narrow, and on most days are populated by material numbers of Lycra-men and -women following the Olympic and Cycle London route, and leading to some delay of motorised vehicles (although that is not necessarily a bad thing given the excessive and un-checked speeds of the majority of motorists on Oakcroft and Coldhabour Roads with seemingly no concern from Surrey Police). The major problem though is likely to be congestion on the A245 Parvis Road from West Byfleet and across the M25. This is already regularly congested during morning and evening peak periods, and your other proposed housing developments in West Byfleet and Byfleet over the coming years would only make this worse if permitted. With routes to the east constrained by M25 crossing points, traffic would increasingly have to use a more northerly route via Woodham or move south through Pyrford and Ripley, as may well happen even without the Upshot lane development.

It is very difficult to envisage what credible and acceptable road development proposals you could suggest in order to allow the Council to conclude that the Upshot Lane development should be permitted.

I trust therefore that the Council will not permit the Upshot Lane or indeed any of the proposed developments in the West Byfleet and Byfleet areas. Please also remind your councillors that we live in a democracy and they are elected to represent the wishes of the people and not the dictats of central government.

Yours sincerely



Dr Christopher J Smith