

Objection to DPD 2027 consultant affecting Mayford

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Dear Sirs,
Re: Woking 2027 DPD consultation

I reside in Saunders Lane and I am writing in response to the 2027 DPD consultation concerning long term development plans affecting Mayford. I have been a resident of Saunders Lane, Mayford for 13 years and have been made aware of the Woking 2027 Planning proposals and removal of green belt land in this area, which will affect Mayford and the surrounding countryside, roads, lanes and other areas. My comments are not specific to any of your documents, however I will refer to specific site refs that I am concerned about. I state my objections below:
Sites GB8, GB9, GB10 and GB11:

I most strongly object to these long term housing proposals for a number of reasons. My family and I were once living in the centre of Woking and the main reason we moved to Mayford was for the wide open spaces and peaceful surroundings of the green belt area. We have had dogs as our family pets for the majority of our time living at 191 Saunders Lane because of the fields which are directly opposite our house as it is a safe and pleasant environment to take them for walks. If development was to occur then we would no longer have the amenity of having somewhere to walk our dog so close to home. Through walking our dogs over the fields it has bonded us with our neighbours and has created a strong community which would no longer exist if the development were to take place.

I have currently just finished studying a Law degree at the University of Greenwich and whilst most students would chose to move away from home I chose to stay at home. This is because we live in our area which is calm and quiet and was ideal for me when I was revising for my exams as I was hardly ever disturbed. By developing on the land you would create more noise and traffic which would eradicate what was a once beautiful place to live. By adding the additional houses and people to the area you are effectively removing Mayford from the map as it would no longer be constituted as a village.

The increase in traffic would put pressure on parking as many residents along the road do not have drive ways and own multiple vehicles which could create future parking issues amongst the existing and potentially new residents. This could lead to the Council having to become involved in for example worst case scenario; arguments between neighbours in relation to parking problems. In addition to this, the Council could see a rise in road traffic accidents as well. The police regularly catch motorists speeding with the development and an increase in traffic would be even more dangerous for the innocent pedestrians and road users already existing in Saunders Lane.

The increase in traffic would also disturb the natural habitats which dwell in the green belt. The Council will be aware that disturbing these habitats would cause significant environmental damage. In addition to this, the area is known to have wildlife such as deer and disrupting their habitats could push them onto the roads which could potentially lead to more accidents occurring which again the Council would have to become involved with.

Mayford has always prided itself on being a small close knit village community with an impressive green belt area surrounding it and it is for this reason my family and I chose to move to the area 13 years ago. For this reason it is not just mine but there is a duty of care on everyone to preserve the green belt areas around us and as successive applications have been opposed on this site I see no reason why an exception should be made this time.

Please urgently reconsider your plans. These plans will have a devastating and permanent impact to Mayford as a village.

Please also refer to the response by the Mayford Village Society who I am also happy to represent my views.

Yours Faithfully
Lily Rose Smith