

Proposed Upshot Lane, Pyrford Development

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To: Planning Policy

I wish to object to the above on the following grounds:

- 1) Woking Borough Council have published the Development Plan Document without reviewing valid representations and have ignored recommendations from the independent planning consultants they appointed.
- 2) Despite development that has already taken place, Pyrford continues to be a distinct semi-rural community. Four hundred plus new houses either side of Upshot Lane would substantially destroy this.
- 3) Local infrastructure is totally inadequate to cope with the additional population; this includes roads, schools/nurseries, GPs, elderly care and hospitals. The infrastructure aspect also has to take into account other development proposals both within the borough and in the immediate surrounding area.
- 4) It is inevitable that a fair number of people living in the proposed development would be commuting to London on a regular, if not daily, basis. Train services from both Woking and West Byfleet are already full to capacity at peak times and, given the obvious constraints on expanding services into Waterloo, it is difficult to see how substantial additional passengers from Woking and the surrounding area could be accommodated. This aspect is particularly galling as, due to central government inactivity, a substantial proportion of properties that have been built on brown field sites in London, e.g. in the Vauxhall/Nine Elms area, are being sold to overseas "investors", often with funds of dubious origin, many of whom will not even occupy the properties.
- 5) Could I suggest that as a local authority you should not slavishly adhere to central government edicts? Where situations demand, you should oppose control from central government. I am sure there would be sufficient support, both financial and moral, in the local community to enable you to do this.

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