

Objections to development plan

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Dear Woking Council

I write in connection with the proposed land in Pyrford, either side of Upshot Lane (GB12 and GB13) being taken out of the Greenbelt. I strongly object to these sites being suitable to build over 400 houses. My arguments are as follows:

1. How can we consider building 400+ houses with no consideration of adapting the village accordingly? Where will the children of those 400+ families go to school when the local schools in Pyrford, West Byfleet and Ripley are already completely oversubscribed?
2. The traffic through Pyrford and surrounding villages are also terribly congested. Every day I witness complete chaos outside the school which causes anger and frustration and will most likely cause accidents one day.
3. The rural surroundings are a key factor for the community of Pyrford. Most residents see the nature around them as one of their main factors of why they choose to live there in the first place. The planned sites are not useless scrubland but valued to wildlife and give the local and surrounding population an area for walks and a chance to use its beautiful views and green areas for tranquility and wellbeing. Building that many houses on those two fields will completely change the dynamics of the village.
4. Strangely, the Greenbelt review that took place by experts completely ruled out the two mentioned sites as suitable to be withdrawn from the Greenbelt but has now suddenly been included into your Site Allocation Development Plan Document as top suggestions. More suitable plots have been completely ignored. This does give a suspicious feeling of financial incentives being of importance to the decision.
5. The uncertainty of flooding if green areas around the village are being built on is a major concern, and is a possibility we can't rule out.
6. Going into further arguments on using the Greenbelt, the government pushes councils around the country to find sites to build more houses on when in fact the government needs to start thinking about how we can push the population to less dense communities. It's up to the government to find a solution of how we can expand our society further than London and the Home Counties. They need to find solutions that will attract people to want to live elsewhere. We can't all live in the same place and by not taking our much needed and valued greenbelt away we need to find solutions and give incentives for families to want to settle down elsewhere. We as a council should stand up for our community and lovely nature that we all benefit from.

I hope the Woking Council feel as strongly as we do about the Greenbelt around us being preserved. We need to stand united to protect it. I hope you will take all the objections into consideration and find more suitable land to build on and push for other solutions than keep building more and more where it is already overcrowded.

Kind Regards

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