

GREEN BELT DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Having attended the meeting at St Marys Centre in Byfleet on Thursday 16th July and listen to the Proposals from Ernest Amoako I would make the following comments.

I am sure that many people are aware of the situation nationally regarding shortage of homes for many people who are finding it EXTREMELY difficult to find a home other than renting at exorbitant costs which offer no long term security for their later life. I have a daughter who is totally depressed on her future for her own and her partner to share a home together.

I am also aware that Councils are under pressure to do their duty in finding homes. My sister is a high ranking Civil Servant who reports to a Cabinet Minister on various projects within her department. So I do have an inkling of the pressure the councils are under.

HOWEVER

The plans discussed at the meeting on the 16th fill me with incredulation at the proposals for Byfleet in the near future and the few years hence and the protection of the Green Belt around not only in , Woking, Byfleet, and the surrounding boroughs..

I have lived in Byfleet 35 years and have seen it grow, together with the influx of the surrounding Offices and retail development close by.

One of the Government stated purposes of the Green Belt is to PREVENT neighbouring towns merging in to one another.

Also to assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment

The plans for Broadoaks is perhaps usage of what could be classed as a brown field site and this MUST be a way forward and also the usage of houses that are not in use. The school is apparently a Private school this does not serve the communities of Byfleet and West Byfleet well.

The Plans for West Hall are also totally impractical with the only access to this proposal being the Parvis Road A245.

Adding both projects proposed would add around 750 houses into Byfleet and West Byfleet Both leading on to an already over used A245.

In 2008 a Surrey study of traffic pollution both in volume and in air quality re the M25 and the over used roads THE A245 WAS THE HIGHEST WITH THE INCREDIBLE 42500 VEHICLE JOURNEYS PER DAY

HOW ON EARTH CAN YOU THEN CONSIDER THE 750 EXTRA HOUSES WHICH WILL BRING AT LEAST ANOTHER 1500 CARS ON TO THIS ROAD—LET ALONE THE INCREASED TRAFFIC FROM THE SURVEY IN 2008.

THE OTHER DEVELOPMENTS OF CANALSIDE AND THE PROPOSED RETAIL WILL BRING JOBS—THIS PROBABLY NOT BENEFIT THE LOCAL PEOPLE AS ALL THAT WILL HAPPEN IS PEOPLE WILL DRIVE IN FROM OTHER AREAS JUST LIKE THE BRROKLANDS DEVELOPMENT HAS DONE (this also does not benefit as another Surrey borough gains the council tax)

THE SAFETY OF THE RESIDENTS OF BYFLEET AND WEST BYFLEET IS ALSO A CONCERN, AS IF, DURING THE RELENTLESS RUSH HOURS TRAFFIC WILL CAUSE GRIDLOCK AND EMERGENCY SERVICES WILL FIND IT DIFFICULT TO ACCESS BYFLEET AND WEST BYFLEET TO BOTH THE EXISTING HOUSES AND THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ON THE A245.

Other matters are of course the flooding and the potential for more flooding as the weather patterns are changing in the northern hemisphere-- what proposals are being made to prevent larger areas of Byfleet becoming flooded ?!!

THE PROPSALS AND THE EXPLANATIONS GIVEN AT THE MEETING BY THE PLANNING POLICY ARE BOTH ILL PREPARED AND ILL THOUGHT OUT AND I STRONGLY OBJECT TO THEM PARTICULARLY AS OTHER PETITIONS WITH 2500 NAMES HAVE BEEN IGNORED

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