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**Subject:** Objection to proposed removal of 2 fields from Green Belt in Pyrford to build 400+ new houses

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Dear Ms. Jackson,

**Re: Objection to proposed removal of 2 fields from Green Belt in Pyrford to build 400+ new houses**

We are writing to voice our objection to the planned removal of two fields in Pyrford on either side of Upshot Lane from Green Belt status, and the plan to build more than 400 new houses there. Our objections are due both to lack of infrastructure as well as damaging the natural environment.

Pyrford is a village with character and community spirit precisely because it isn't too big or sprawling. In fact it was a major factor for us deciding to live in Pyrford in the first place. The fields selected form part of the Pyrford escarpment with wonderful views. Building on these fields would blight the beautiful historic landscape. These footpaths and walks can be enjoyed not just by Pyrford residents but people from across the borough as a whole and beyond. In January 2015 our family took part with many other Pyrford residents in hedge planting along Sandy Lane, the footpath bordering one of the fields. The hedge, consisting of 1300 hedgerow trees is to be a living memorial to the people of Pyrford who died in the First World War. The thought that this wonderful memorial may now not grow and flourish is very sad.

We have lived in Pyrford for more than 8 years and have two young children who attend Pyrford Primary School. We walk to school daily and the traffic along Coldharbour Road which leads into Upshot Lane is already extremely dangerous at present, with cars regularly mounting the kerb when becoming frustrated with school traffic. More homes would inevitably lead to more traffic on our already extremely congested roads.

Pyrford Guides and Scouts Association maintain and run the Arbor Centre on the corner of one of the fields bordering Teggs Lane. The uniformed groups all meet at the Arbor Centre and regularly use the field alongside Teggs Lane for their outdoor activities. I was a Rainbow Leader here for two years so know just what an invaluable facility the field is. Our daughter has enjoyed a cook out with the Brownies and many games on the field recently. Indeed it is a wonderful facility for so many young people in the community and would be irreplaceable.

There is not the infrastructure to support all these new homes. Pyrford is a small village. It has a few small shops but no health centre, post office or other essential facilities. It is not self-sufficient. People need to travel out of Pyrford in their day to day life. Many people who live in the village commute to work daily by train. The proposed development is not within walking distance of a railway station. Car parks at Woking and West Byfleet stations are already at capacity; and will probably be even worse with other likely massive housing developments planned such as at Wisley airfield.

We recognise that there is a demand for new homes to be built. However, we feel there are better sites in the borough to meet the housing requirements. Just because the land seems to be available doesn't mean that it is a good choice. All land needs to be considered. We urge you not to permit building on this land.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs. F. Sumner & Mr. R.N. Sumner