

Byfleet, West Byfleet and Pyrford Residents' Association



Woking Borough Council
Planning Development Team
Civic Offices
Woking

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Dear Sirs

The three Forums covering the three villages have submitted separate detailed responses to you.

We also have sight of many letters in particular those from Cll Bond, Mr David Hastie, Mr Roland Nevett, and Mr A Grimshaw, Mr Godfrey Chapples, Byfleet CDR Mr Jeff Sechiar to name a few.

The Association & Forums have been lobbied and I will summarize the issues that residents are clearly having major concerns.

They are against building on Green belt in principle, i.e. to destroy it and the villages as there would appear to be a much larger area of proposed released land compared to the size of the three villages and the area of Woking Borough, we appear to be bearing more than our fair share, hence the concern of residents.

The Residents are concerned that the existing infrastructure cannot cope adequately at present let alone with the added numbers proposed

There are not enough school places,

Transport infrastructure [roads] public transport,

Dr's Health provision,

Drainage / flooding issues,

I.e. not enough infrastructure to accommodate the release of the land for housing in the numbers indicated in the plans, there is concern that if residents wishes are ignored and land released the densities stated are far too high

Residents are most concerned about

Byfleet-- land south of High road & Murrys lane 220 homes

Pyrford-- Love Lace Drive & Avery Road 423 homes

West Byfleet- West Hall 594 homes & Broad oaks 150 homes [there is less concern as already partly released for offices !

We are aware that the sites will be allocated between 2015 & 2027 but these are too many homes to be accommodated within three villages for the detailed reasons given elsewhere build up over time would overstretch the infrastructure that at the moment is at over capacity apart from reducing our green belt .

Residents are concerned that once an area of land is allocated it will set a precedent for other land and the improvement in infrastructure will arrive too late or not at all.

We the RA for the three villages & the three Forums received an overwhelming response opposing the release of this land and demand that these sites are not released for homes.

If in the event WBC ignores the wishes of RESIDENTS the RA expects that the appropriate infrastructure will be in place or agreed before the land is released / given planning permission.

Residents have been assured that the infrastructure will be dealt with adequately and I am sure they will be lobbying elected members of WBC as well as our MP to ensure that the living environment of the three villages is not changed in a detrimental way.

Yours sincerely

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