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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident of Woking since 1963 and latterly have lived in Saunders Lane for the last 19 years. When we moved here, following the demise of both my parents, we started to enjoy living in a small semi-rural community. I have been, and am, actively involved in various local organisations such as Neighbourhood Watch, Woking Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club (50 years a member), and have also been a member of the Mayford Village Society since moving here. I am therefore very aware of the Woking 2027 planning proposals which will have a huge and detrimental impact on the village.

SITE REF: GB7 (TEN ACRE FARM, SMARTS HEATH ROAD)

I OBJECT MOST STRONGLY to the proposal to increase the number of traveller pitches on this land for the simple reason there are 3 other pitches close by, and also because Smarts Heath which is adjacent, becomes a quagmire for several months of the year. I regularly pass The Hatching Tan on my way to Slyfield and it appears that the site has gradually extended to the other side of the road.

SITE REFS: GB8 (NURSERY LAND ADJACENT TO EGLEY ROAD)

GB9 (WOKING GARDEN CENTRE, EGLEY ROAD)

GB10 (LAND TO THE NE OF SAUNDERS LANE & HOOK HILL LANE)

GB11 (LAND TO THE NW OF SAUNDERS LANE)

I again OBJECT MOST STRONGLY to the proposal of housing on all the above sites because I do not believe any land should be taken out of the Green Belt under any circumstances, particularly when there are existing Brownfield sites still available for development and renovation. Once one piece of Green Belt land is released, it then opens the doors for all other Green Belt sites.

Martin Grant bought the fields in Saunders Lane before they were granted Green Belt status. If they were allowed to build along the lane most, if not all, the trees and hedgerow would be felled in order to create access points. One would then be left with a visible housing estate on one side and existing, mixed rural dwellings on the other, which would not be in keeping with the surrounding area. This, without any consideration towards inadequate services and infrastructure.

Bearing in mind that most families have 2 cars, all the traffic would have to access Saunders Lane. There is already more than enough traffic going along this road, a lot at higher than the posted speed limit. All neighbouring roads would also become very congested, with huge knock-on effects to Smarts Heath Road, Blackhorse Road, Hook Heath Road and Hook Hill Lane. It would also spill over into Old Woking and down the A320 towards Jacobs Well and into Guildford.

The above comments also apply to development along the Egley Road. All traffic in and out of the proposed development would have to come onto this road. Even now at certain times of the day it can take 30 minutes to travel from Wyevale Nursery to Woking Station, and that is without a new school!!!

If all this development were to take place, there would be an enormous knock on effect on schools, surgeries, hospitals, dentists, and a whole host of other essentials. I urge you to re-consider your plans. MAYFORD IS ALREADY FULL.

Please also refer to the response by the Mayford Village Society who I am happy to represent my views.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Velati

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