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26<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Dear Sir or Madam

**Regarding: Woking 2027 DPD Consultation**

I write in regard to the above as a Mayford resident for over 20 years and a resident of Woking borough for over 30 years.

I would be pleased if you would consider the following comments based upon the development plans for the following sites.

**Site Reference: GB7 (Ten Acre Farm, Smarts Heath Road)**

I object to the proposal to increase the number of Traveller Pitches on this land.

I am pleased that Mayford continues to offer this facility but I fear that any increase in its use will be seen as a stepping stone to further increases in future years. Besides being in the Green Belt this site is in the direct proximity of an SSSI. Smarts Heath Common is used by many local residents for recreational purposes and provides a valuable habitat for our local reptile and bird populations. I am concerned that increasing the number of people living in this area will result in more unrestrained dogs and (particularly) cats which could decimate this wildlife.

**Site References:**

GB8 (Nursery land adjacent to Egley Road)

GB9 (Woking Garden Centre, Egley Road)

GB10 (Land to the north east of Saunders Lane, between Saunders Lane and Hook Hill Lane)

GB11 (Land to the north west of Saunders Lane)

GB14 (Land adjacent to Hook Hill Lane, Hook Heath)

I strongly object to the proposal for housing on all of the above sites.

Is the Green Belt a good idea or not? Most people, whether for or against this proposal, will agree that the Green Belt is a good idea. When people are in favour of building on Green Belt is usually because they have a personal vested interest in that development which overrides their community aspirations. Over time many people will want to build on Green Belt and eventually it will be gone unless it is given strong protection.

By filling in the green space between Woking and Mayford, the village will lose its identity. By adding so many new houses the roads will become busier and the frequent delays along Egley Road that we currently experience during the morning rush will become the norm.

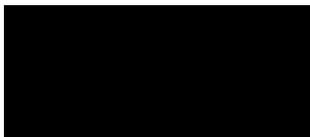
Where will all these people work? I suspect many will work in London but how will they get there? If you think they will travel from Worplesdon let me tell you about my experience of travelling from that station to London. They get just 3 trains per hour (during peak time), parking at the station will require a permit but none are available and the trains will already be full (so no seat). There is no bus service to the station and no taxi rank.

They may wish to walk to the station, something I occasionally do; they will find it is a frightening experience. Very little light is available at night, there are no pavements and cars will travel past at speeds in excess of 50mph (whether they should or not). To avoid the cars they will need to jump onto the grass verge and risk disappearing down a gully or treading in something unpleasant. Of course they could get a train from Woking but they will need to leave plenty of time to get through the traffic!

The impact on the local wildlife will also be considerable, removing their habitat will, as we all now know, create isolated and vulnerable populations doomed to die out. And they're the lucky ones; most will simply die as a result of habitat loss and being unable to find anywhere else suitable. It needs to be remembered that it's not just birds that travel, toads, adders, newts are all wandering around these areas and by removing these connected green spaces their passage becomes very difficult.

I hope you will reconsider your plans and help Mayford retain its character. We don't all want to live in a town or city!

Yours faithfully,

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Mr Robert Waldie