

## **WOKING 2027 DPD CONSULTATION**

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Dear Sirs

re: Woking 2027 DPD Consultation

We have been Mayford residents since 1957 and are extremely concerned about the Woking 2027 planning proposals that will dramatically impact upon the village.

Our comments are not specific to any of your documents but we would like to refer to the specific site references that concern us.....

Site Reference: GB7 Ten Acre Farm, Smarts Heath Road

We strongly object to increase the number of traveller pitches on this land and believe there has not been enough consideration in identifying other potential sites within the Borough. A further increase in numbers would be inappropriate taking into account the proximity to residential, including some historically important, housing on Smarts Heath Road and the impact it would have on Smarts Heath Common (SSSI) which is a haven for flora and fauna and enjoyed by Mayford residents for leisure purposes.

Site References:

GB8 (nursery land adjacent to Egley Road)

GB9 (Woking Garden Centre, Egley Road)

GB10 (land to the North East of Saunders Lane and Hook Hill Lane)

GB11 (land to the North West of Saunders Lane)

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

We strongly object to the proposal for housing on ALL of the above sites.

The proposed housing developments would be totally inappropriate as this part of the Green Belt would be decimated and Mayford would become a suburb of Woking - the village would then cease to stand alone as the beautiful village it currently is.

We note that the proposed housing would result in a large increase of population to the area which in turn would place an impossible demand on the already stretched infrastructure, Egley Road is often gridlocked now at peak times and can be considerably dangerous. We understand there are no plans to upgrade the Mayford infrastructure so it would be likely Prey Heath Road and surrounding areas too would become a major part of the traffic problem. The proposed Hoe Valley School site to include athletics track and sporting facilities in this locality would exacerbate the issue even further and should not even be considered.

Prey Heath and Smarts Heath, being SSSI's, are known as designated 'important bird areas' and development close to these areas would have a catastrophic effect on local wildlife and must not be allowed to proceed.

It is vital that you reconsider your plans and we can only hope that common sense will prevail.

Please also refer to the response by the Mayford Village Society who we are more than happy also to represent our views.

Yours faithfully

Mr & Mrs J Whyte