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Subject: Pyrford - Proposed 423 new houses on Greenbelt Land
To : FAO Jeni Jackson
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Dear Jeni,

My wife and I are local residents living in Coldharbour Road, KT14 6JL. We are both extremely concerned about the proposal for 423 new houses to be built on Greenbelt Land in the Aviary Road area and the Lovelace Drive area either side of Upshott Lane. We are writing to register our formal objection to the proposed schemes and to share our serious concerns.

We chose to move to the West Byfleet/Pyrford area as we felt the village offered a semi rural feel with relatively unspoilt countryside on our door step which is extremely important to us. Our village is a community where people want to live and much revolves around the pleasant environment. The proposed building of 433 houses on green belt land, currently open fields, is something that will cause irreparable damage to this areas charm and change the character to a densely populated area with insufficient facilities.

Pyrford is also unique in the Borough for its well maintained historic buildings and conservation areas, heritage assets are highly valued nationally. The removal of Green Belt status from our two threatened fields will also cause irreparable damage to these assets.

We are also very worried that the increase in traffic volume which will inevitably result as new residents from the 423 new houses use Coldharbour Road, will significantly worsen the already serious congestion that occurs at peak times on Coldharbour Road when parents are dropping off and collecting their young children from the local school. Parents parking their cars during this time reduces this long stretch of Coldharbour Road to a single lane and often the area is gridlocked. We also feel strongly that the existing road infrastructure and public services in this area will also not be able to cope with the additional demands that an excess of 850 new residents and cars will place on them, doctor's appointments at the West Byfleet Health Center are already difficult to get and the local schools are currently at capacity even with their current plans for extension/improvement.

Whilst we recognise the shortage of new homes nationwide, we do not feel these two proposed sites are reasonable choices. I believe that the council itself found one of the two proposed fields was unsuitable for development as recently as 2014 in the PBA Green Belt Review. Also taking into consideration that Broadoaks is likely to be developed on (a far more suitable site we believe) it would only exacerbate the congestion and strain on the infrastructure that we have already.

To summarise, we feel the addition of these new houses will negatively alter the village character of the area through this over-expansion onto precious Greenbelt farming land, put an intolerable strain on existing local services and increase traffic congestion, let alone the increased pollution aspect and the increased danger to cyclists and children in the immediate vicinity.

We respectfully ask you to take very seriously our concerns as local residents and tax payers to these two proposed housing developments.

We would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this email and would appreciate any response that might go some way to allay our concerns.

Regards
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