

FW: housing development in Pyrford

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My name is Katharine Wright 9 Boltons Lane, Pyrford, GU22 8TL

I am writing to object to the proposal for 400+ houses to be built in Pyrford. These are my reasons for objecting:

1. Pyrford works well as a community. It's a fine balance but the population, volunteer force and infrastructure works. We keep our schools and pre schools running on the minimum of council input; we raise our own funds; we behave ourselves and require little input from police services; we keep our community centres safe and vibrant. Pyrford manages well at relatively low cost to the State. You should be cautious and think wisely about destroying that balance by extending the housing provision.
2. Pyrford is Greenbelt land. Greenbelt is nominated as such for good reason. Therefore do not build on it. Simple.
3. I have young children who will one day want to join the 'affordable housing' market. No amount of houses built here will change the prices of houses for them or anyone else. As you will know, the market is influenced by the inflated prices in London caused by foreign investors. Not by the lack of 400 houses in rural areas.
4. I have watched and supported the Neighbourhood Forum develop on the back of the Conservative Localism Act. The people of Pyrford have worked hard to protect their community and to develop it appropriately. For example the planting of 1000 trees (I'm sure you will have read about this project). If the proposed development goes ahead, it will utterly negate the purpose, efforts and energy of the Neighbourhood Forum. It will in fact make a mockery of the Localism Act and change the minds of many voters.
5. I would like some clarity as to which body has proposed this development: is it Burhill Estates tired of growing maize or is it an order from County to increase housing in the South?

I look forward to your response.

Regards

Katharine Wright

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