



Date: 05 March 2012

Chris Banks  
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Woking Core Strategy

Dear Mr. Banks,

In reviewing the document 'Summary of the main issues raised by representatives received during the consultation period', the two comments that are under my name were submitted on behalf of the Knaphill Residents Association (KRA), the document failed to register the connection. The first comment is under policy CS18 Transport (ID 73 Rep ID 298 page 75) and the second comment is under CS 19 Social & Community (ID 73 Rep ID 365 page 79).

Given we are unable to attend the hearing we offer the additional comments.

#### **CS 18 Transport/ Rep ID 73**

Knaphill lies to the west of the borough and our boundary is close to the A322. The A322 connects Bracknell to Guildford with direct connection to the M3. Management of the road is the responsibility of Surrey County Highways Authority but from recent planning decisions we do not believe that either Woking BC or Surrey Highways recognise the congestion that current road users face on a daily basis. Future development has around 300 houses to be built on Brookwood Farm and the main access to these houses will be via the A322. This junction will be directly opposite Redding Way which is the road to gain access to a Sainsbury's that has been given approval for a major extension. The village next to Knaphill is Bisley and the local council (Surrey Heath) have agreed to the old Fox Garage site being developed for housing, between 40 and 45 houses being accommodated. Next to the Fox garage there is the Fox public house, now closed, and we understand that the owners have put the site on the market to sell the land for development and not as a going concern. This land is just across the boundary from Woking and sits alongside the A322.

Woking Borough Council appears to be unconcerned with the problem and direct the KRA to the County Highways Authority. Attempts to meet with the Assistant Director of Surrey Highways to discuss the issues have failed even though we have the support of our local County Councillors.

There is an urgent need for joint talks between Woking BC, Surrey Heath BC, Surrey CC, and local residents associations before any further development is given the green light. The authorities cannot just take each development and argue that you should examine it on its own merits. Someone has to examine the cumulative effect of all the development in the A322 corridor. Unless a solution is found to the congestion then the plans of both Woking BC and Surrey Heath BC are not sound.

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**CS 19 Social & Community REP ID73**

In 2010 Surrey County Council highlighted a shortage of places in the Knaphill local schools, to date we have been given no indication that the County have drawn up any plans to increase the size of the school to accommodate those children who currently live in the area and whose parents want them attend the local school. This means more children having to be transported out of the village to schools with vacancies. When the proposed housing on Brookwood farm comes on stream the pressure on local schools will only increase. The County, in cooperation with Woking BC, should be drawing up plans to find a permanent solution to the problem. This could require building outside the current school boundaries and therefore such work takes time and planning is required now.

If the local schools are not expanded to meet the majority of demand then the strategy is neither sound or credible.

Yours faithfully

Philip Stubbs  
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