

## Epping Forest District Council Representations to the Draft Local Plan Consultation 2016 (Regulation 18)

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### Letter or Email Response:

I am writing to object to the draft local plan. I have not read it all, and I am not sure I would understand it if I did, but I live in Loughton and I do feel our town is being targeted for over development. That will impact on us in many ways, including:

1. I am disabled and I struggle to get on a train in the morning and find a seat. It is even worse in the evening. Buses into London (20 and 167) are equally as busy. In the last 5 or 6 years this situation has become far worse and I am seriously having to consider giving up my job because the tube is so full, and it will only get worse if additional development is allowed. I have been told by TfL that the trains are running at full capacity, so it is OK to say that houses should be built here because people want to commute, but there is no more room for people on the tube or buses. - Have you done any projections about how the additional commuters will affect the train service if there is no additional capacity? - Have you worked out where the additional commuters will park as the car park is already full in the morning? If the car park is full, people have to park somewhere else and if the nearby streets are becoming residents only, that will stop disabled people and elderly people or those with children from being able to access the tube.
2. Debden has no parks, only a couple of swing parks and if the greens go, where will children play or ride their bikes, where will we hold our regular community events etc.?
3. Loughton has a lot of green space, but it is forest land and a lot of it is not local, in that people cannot safely walk there - I remind you 2 girls died on the road back from the forest, it is not safe and there is nowhere for people to actually play or enough public toilets, etc.
4. Whatever green space we have, we need. We do not have a village green like other towns or villages, and we will have no community space to hold fetes or other events if you build on our green spaces.
5. Your plan is to build on the car parks and restore the car park underneath. Where are the cars supposed to park when that work is going on? People still need to get to work and we cannot all bike to work or walk to the station. It will be total chaos.
6. I have to wait three weeks to see my GP, I understand the schools are oversubscribed, the infrastructure to support in fill houses or small developments here or there does not exist. That needs to be addressed before houses are built.
7. Most homes now have two cars, and when developments are built it is nonsense to say that people will walk to the shops or the station, they don't. Will you ensure that all new homes have two parking places? if you cannot do that, you should not build the homes.
8. Crime is increasing but we do not have additional police officers to cope - bring in additional families and the situation will get even worse.
9. The same is true for the fire service, we have just lost a tender from Loughton and other areas are going over to retained fire officers. More homes means more demand on their service - and that of the ambulance service too - and there is no room for expansion within any of the emergency services.
10. The development of the Churchill site in Debden, as we all said it would, totally overpower the area - it is far too high and far too visible when you are driving down from Rolls Park and we have already started calling it the 'monstrosity'. That building was objected to by a petition, and by our town council, yet EFDC totally ignored our views and now look what you have

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done to a 1950s development; it has ruined what we were proud of - the Broadway's historical integrity. I hope you will listen to Loughton residents this time and not destroy our town by over building. 11. Our shops in Loughton High Road are closing, there is no parking for shoppers and adding more local residents will not change the fact that people cannot afford to open shops in Loughton - and people will continue to shop on line or in Westfield because it is cheaper. Increasing local populations will not make any difference to the death of our High Road, just increase the number of cars on the roads which is already at a standstill from 2.30 onwards. The new shopping centre in Langston Road will also increase the number of cars in Debden. I accept we need additional homes, so why don't we build them on the green space up to Harlow where farm land is left fallow and where farmers would probably be glad to sell the land to the council if approached. Being near Harlow, there could be a bus route to Harlow's stations which would divert commuters from driving to Loughton, Debden or Epping, thus freeing up space in the commuter car parks. Debden was conceived as a cottage estate to include housing, employment, schools and GPs, etc. and the new estate could be designed to do the same, and would probably be cheaper than expanding the existing provision in our towns and villages. Loughton is still called the village and we would like it to stay that way - that is why we moved here.