

## 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 in response to the draft local plan. I do not believe that the plan as proposed is at all suitable for Loughton. There is already significant congestion on the Central Line, which at peak times makes travel into London either very difficult or impossible, requiring waiting for trains to go by, packed full. For anyone with difficulty standing in packed conditions, this makes it impossible for someone to live in Loughton and hold a job in London - surely discriminatory? Parking is already at a premium in Loughton. The plan proposes overriding standard parking requirements - but this is exactly the sort of location for which these minimum standards were created. It will simply become impossible for either residents or visitors (whether personal, trade or shoppers) to park. The green spaces that it is proposed to build upon are well-kept, well-used and well-loved. Once destroyed these public amenities cannot be restored, nor can their benefits be replaced. With an obesity and diabetes epidemic, space to run around (particularly for children) is more vital than ever. This also marks an over-development of an area. Infrastructure, for example doctors and other amenities will struggle to cope with many more people as is proposed.

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