

## 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 as I am deeply concerned about the proposals to further build and increase housing density in Loughton. I accept that housing is needed but cannot understand why the focus isn't to build on brownfield spaces or to create a new garden town/village. Loughton is an historic town with a lot of character and development should only be in keeping with that existing housing. Your proposals for traps Hill library/leisure center carpark seem to be very out of keeping as a development on such a small site should not remove the car parking that is necessary for the high street and town users. People use it to visit the library, play park, visit our shops or to get exercise at the swimming pool/gym all things you should be encouraging. No building work should be out off keeping with the rest of the neighborhood, so low rise mainly detached or semi detached. When the car parks are full people already regularly block our private driveways making it hard to get on and off our properties in our street this could make it far worse. (When traps hill went no parking down one side we already saw a big increase in cars parked in our road inc illegally parked.) The local schools are all at capacity with no plans or space to expand. (Staples Road/Roding Valley can't support this increase in numbers and lack building space to build any further) The land next to the Epping Forest College was meant to be the space for new schools and things like a doctors surgery these need to be built first as no where else to put them. Currently it regularly impossible to get a doctors appointment in Loughton leading to people visiting A&E and walk in clinics in Harlow. This would make a bad situation worse. I work over towards Stapleford airfield this seems a fair more sensible place to build as less traffic and has the space to put in the necessary infrastructure. Harlow also seems better linked and to have more space. As a runner and someone that likes to exercise regularly, Loughton while having the access to the Epping forest doesn't really have that much access to green space for the majority of the town. Parking by the forest can be hard, and while it might seem that lots is walk able a lot seems in accessible and in private ownership. What is accessible is also difficult to access and use in wet/cold weather can be very hilly and hard going for the elderly and young children. So for the vast majority of the town access to green space in town is far more important than might seem to an outsider. Public Transport The central line is at capacity it is hard to get a seat normally and often at peak times the trains are already full, your proposals to build on the car parks will make this worse. As will increase the number of households using the service on the central line here and further out. Is their any plans for another sports center in Loughton as the gym and gym classes are normally full with waiting lists? There are simply not enough jobs in Loughton to support the existing population so most people have to commute/travel for work this needs addressing with additional social services for the existing population before adding to the local population. I am concerned about parking as on the streets around traps hill and my street the cars already regularly park on the pavements that where meant for pedestrian use meaning me and the kids and buggys are

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often forced to work in the street and making it hard to cross roads safely. Will the local sewerage and water systems cope with the added load, from more houses in Loughton. ...Redacted...