

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

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### Letter or Email Response:

Dear Sirs, Further to the initial consultation regarding the potential new development sites we oppose as follows in regards to the area Bury Lane and Lower Bury Lane in particular:- I am a 33 year old with a young family who have been living in Epping for the last 10 years and have noticed over the recent years the increased volume and people and mainly cars and traffic. We live in Bury Lane and every morning we have cars queuing outside our house waiting to get onto the main road (please see attached photo). This is a good 500 yards down from the high road with any further developments this would only increase this queuing and block not only the residence access but the schools access too. When the school was moved, the access road from Bury Lane to Lower Bury Lane was cut off to stop cars taking the short cut to the high road. It is our understanding this was done to stop cars going through and reduce the risk of accidents of the pupils attending the school. Additional paths were added to access the school from other parts of Epping. More housing and reopening or adding additional roads would only increase the likely hood of a serious accident. My eldest child has only just started school and he was unable to attend his local schools (Epping Primary /Ivy Chimneys) which are within walking distance due to the lack of availability. This year 2016 these two schools were only taking children within a 0.4 mile radius and this has been quite consistent for many years. Further housing in this area would only reduce this again. With the Senior school moving sites, this opened up an opportunity for new housing in this area. This has been a major contribution towards the cause of the increased volume of traffic and people in the area and the increased tension on the schools, reducing places and train station for the daily morning commute. If a further development in the Bury Lane/Lower Bury Lane area was to go ahead all these factors would be under unsustainable pressure and I feel that the roads, the schools, the train station and the high street would not be able to cope with the increased number of people and cars. In addition to the above, the site proposed, i.e. the cricket pitch, tennis courts and lawn bowls is a fundamental part of the Epping community. The cricket pitch has been there for 120 years and is used every weekend throughout spring, summer and early autumn by a variety of ages. The tennis club offer lessons for all ages and regularly have clubs running for young children and hopefully my children will be able to enjoy the benefits of these activities in the their local community. The bowling green is loved by many of our elderly residence who are the sole of the Epping community with many of them using their spare time/retirement to voluntary with a lot of activities within Epping. The joy on their faces I see when they play and socialise is priceless. To redevelopment further this green belt area, it would lose the character and charm that Epping is renowned for a long with its history and copped hall heritage which the cricket pitch is a part of, and would become a Town over crowed and unable to cope, losing its appeal to the current residence and new families looking to move into an area with strong community appeal. Epping is a beautiful town with some stunning countryside views for all to love and enjoy.

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Please seriously consider the areas you choose to develop, there must be more suitable locations which need to be rejuvenated as opposed to locations being lost, destroyed and spoilt. Many thanks