

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

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### Letter or Email Response:

Dear Sirs I write to express my objections to the Local Plan for Epping District Area. In your Foreward to the Local Plan,you describe the Plan as, "Your Local Plan." I certainly take no ownership of it,as I was not consulted from the outset on how many houses we can accommodate in the area and where they should be situated. My main concerns include: the number of "dwellings" ; the lack of infrastructure to meet the needs of all those potential additional residents to this area and several of the potential sites, suggested in your plan. The number of "dwellings" suggested puzzles me,especially as I have discovered at a local meeting that this is your number not one suggested by Central Government .You say that the Plan has been drawn up to enhance the life of the current residents, but how exactly will our lives be enhanced by increasing the density of the population,to this extent? Will I be able to get a doctor's appointment more easily? Will I be able to park more easily? Will it enhance my local car journeys? I think not! What your Plan will do is destroy the very things that we enjoy so much about living in this area. We came here nearly 50 years ago because it was a small market- town, close to the Forest where you could" breathe" and yet still have reasonable access to London. The infrastructure we have now is "straining at the seams",so I shudder to think how it will be, if your plan goes ahead. Nowadays if you want to travel to London,for the day, you need to park at the station by 7am to have any chance of parking. Under your plan,this can only get worse. Making a doctor's appointment requires planning weeks in advance and the traffic is increasing, year on year. I am a member of the Tennis Club in Bury Road and the Sports Centre and was dismayed to see these as potential sites. All the Government statistics suggest that as a nation we are living longer and that obesity is on the increase. Doesn't this suggest to you and the other Councillors that these sites should therefore be protected? If you really intend to re-site these facilities,why don't you simply leave them alone and build the "dwellings" on the land you have designated for the new Sports facilities? Your plan doesn't make sense; not only from the perspective of keeping residents healthy, but also in terms of what it will cost to demolish existing facilities and build new ones. Your Plan provides considerable detail about the numbers of dwellings and where you consider it appropriate to build them, but there is no such detail for the accompanying infrastructure that will be needed to make your Plan feasible. I understand that Central Government need to build more houses and that it is reasonable that we should share some of that burden. However, in my opinion, the scope in Epping,for re-development is very limited,especially when one looks at the enormous proposed expansion of Harlow, North Weald and other surrounding areas. The South East is already so heavily populated and housing is so expensive that we should encourage people to move further north to less crowded areas. This is particularly important for young people, if they have a chance of ever getting on the housing ladder. I urge you to examine your consciences. Once the houses are built,there is no going back. Do you really want to be responsible for spoiling this town forever? I look forward to your

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response to this letter and to others I am certain you will receive. Yours truly **....Redacted....**• TPO trees could affect its suitability for development NPPF