

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 am writing with regard to the proposed homes in North Weald Bassett. Unfortunately I am not sure you fully understand the impact doubling our village will have on the infrastructure. I would like you to consider the following in your planning:

- At present, the main roads around Epping/Harlow are already gridlocked from 4.30/6.30pm. One can only imagine how much extra traffic an extra 2,760 houses around North Weald will bring!
- The main route to North Weald is via Epping through protected forest so you cannot widen the road without giving back the same amount of land.
- Should you decide to build either side of Church Lane, are you going to widen the entire road? It's extremely narrow and unsuitable for high levels of traffic.
- At present you have to wait weeks for a non-emergency appointment at the Limes Medical Centre. How do you plan to deal with the extra demand on services?
- Apart from the roads, the main transport route to London is via the central line at Epping. How do you envisage all the extra people will get to the station? The car park is already full around 7am. Where will people park? Unless you re-open North Weald tube station you will also impact those in Epping and Theydon Bois that live near the central line as people will park around their roads.
- Presently, there is only one junior and senior school for children in North Weald. Have you considered the impact doubling the village will have on both schools? Also, St Andrew's primary is not a feeder school for Ongar Academy and that school is already oversubscribed.
- Where do you propose everyone will shop and undertake leisure activities in North Weald? I believe we will require more shops and leisure facilities to reduce the impact on the roads to Epping, Ongar and Harlow. Will you make space for parks/playgrounds so the children have space to safely play?
- Also, regarding new housing requirements, have you taken into account the new housing being built in Epping on the old St John's school site? We hope you seriously consider the impact that doubling a village will cause. Especially as a large part of our community are commuters, have young families and are elderly. Our infrastructure is already at full capacity.

Yours faithfully Cathy Orna-Harris

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