

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

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### Letter or Email Response:

Dear Sir/Madam.

**...REDACTED...** I write with regard to the proposed development of various sites in and around Loughton. I object, in particular, to the proposed development of Jessel Green, Borders Lane playing field and the old College 'Middle Site'. I moved to Loughton from Redbridge 4 years ago with my family precisely because of Loughton's green spaces and proximity to Epping Forest. We regularly use Jessel Green for walking and jogging, such spaces should be preserved at all costs and are essential in providing a good quality of life in the area. I cannot tell how important they are to us. What I would like to see is the council actually trying to improve existing green spaces for the benefit of existing residents! with tree planting programmes, benches, a complete renovation/development/ expansion of existing play areas( which are quite frankly woeful) and a concerted effort to deal with dog fouling and anti social behaviour. Why shouldn't Debden have a leisure centre or new library rather than yet more 'affordable' flats. Do budget cuts make this impossible? In Redbridge and Waltham Forest public services are under great strain. Primary school children are being schooled in make shift porta cabins in playgrounds. Secondary schools are rapidly expanding so as to cope with the demand for school places. It is difficult to get a G.P. appointment or find an NHS dentist. In and around the A406 pollution levels are dangerously high and far beyond EU regulations. It is short sighted and irresponsible of Epping Forest Council to consider a continued large scale housing development without the infrastructure to support a subsequent rise in population. I am not entirely against small scale developments currently underway. I understand that there is a desperate need for affordable and, dare I say it, social housing! However, the new housing that is currently created is NOT actually affordable and the political will to create social seems to be non-existent. Proposed developments are not sustainable, ignore the needs and views of local residents and would constitute a total disregard for the environment. I would support smaller scale housing development of Debden &/Loughton station park area and Trapps Hill. I have no objection to the limited development of the Royal Oak Pub/Forest Road. yours sincerely **...REDACTED...**

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