

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, We write to you to voice our objection to the proposed housing development in North Weald Bassett. The number of houses are far more than a small village such as North Weald can feasibility cope with and will have a significant detrimental effect on the environment, and the quality of life for existing and new residents. Our objections centre on three main points: 1) Encroachment onto the existing green belt - this is simply unacceptable and will damage the local environment and ecosystems significantly. Any development should be on brown field sites predominantly. It should be a priority of the elected council to protect the green belt and we are extremely disappointed that these proposals fail to do that. 2) Local road infrastructure - the road infrastructure in and around North Weald is poor and will simply not be able to cope with the additional vehicles that will accompany the new development. Roads are already congested and poorly maintained, this problem will be exacerbated by the proposed development. 3) Public transport - this simply will not cope. Whilst extra bus services can be scheduled, the central line service from Epping simply will not cope. Trains are already extremely congested and parking facilities at the station are inadequate. Whilst I note that part of the proposal is to make North Weald "self sufficient" it is clear that a significant number of people will continue to commute into London for employment. Whilst we fully appreciate the need to build more housing to support population growth, this should not be at any costs. In our view the costs of this proposed development will far outweigh any benefits. We request a written acknowledgment of our comments. Kind regards, John Withington & Stephanie Chong

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