

## 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, It is with great concern that we note the proposed development plans in Loughton, Debden, Chigwell, Buckhurstil and the surrounding area. One of our greatest concerns are the proposed development plans on our greens (Rochford and Jessel Green specifically). Although we are surrounded by the Green Belt it is not easily accessible for public use and a lot of these spaces can not be used for games or community events. We bought a house two and a half years go in Harvey Gardens, Loughton and at the time parking and traffic were not a problem. The Central Line early mornings were not as packed either. We have notice that there is a definite gentrification of our area and this had a knock-on effect on basic needs like parking and increased traffic flow in the area. Building on our Greens will not just affect all residents mental and general well-being but urban intensification will also destroy the leafy suburban environment Loughton and the surrounding areas have to offer. Numerous research studies by city and urban development departments within major universities have shown that green areas are vital to mental and physical wellbeing. A simple Google search will give you access to this information. If I as a resident, can look-up and research the impact the lost of urban green spaces may I ask why the council is even considering this? Furthermore, we would like to ask why our council is not looking at developing new Garden Villages? We understand that due to the immense population increase the Government is expecting of the councils to set aside areas for development but why can our Greens not be protected and instead of building in the greens why can we not first developed badly utilised industrial brownfield such as the Clinton Card site? When looking at the amount of housing the council need to build, another concern is the quality of living accommodation that will be created if all of this housing need to be squashed into an already over-built and well-populated town. Current building practises tend to built small flats with low ceilings in order to get as much housing onto a site as possible. This leads to apartment living where there is no gardens for recreational use. Again raising the question why would the Council the consider. Building on our greens and why not rather focus on the development of Garden Villages instead? As residents in the area we would like the council to note that we DO NOT support the current development plan for new housing in the area. We understand that the housing crisis needs to be addressed but we believe that there are alternative sites such as Clinton Cards and areas where Garden Villages can be developed that will be more beneficial to the living standards not only of the current residents but also of the new residents moving into the area. In conclusion, we are hoping that the council will do the following: 1) Protect our Green space (Rochford and Jessel Green specifically) 2) Develop badly utilised industrial areas first for housing. 3) Develop Garden Villages like other councils are doing. Very concerned residents Emerantia and Cornelius Claassen

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