

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 I would like to raise my concerns and objections over the proposed development at Loughton Underground Car Park. To accommodate 114 dwellings as well as maintaining the existing level of parking for underground users, can only mean that the development will be multi-storey in nature. It is unrealistic to expect that the occupiers of the dwellings will 'not need' cars - this is an assumption that I find very worrying because it suggests a biased agenda on the part of the developers, as it has no basis in reality. I find this assessment troubling as it suggests to me that there may be a disregard for the truth in this process and the truth is that this development will have a hugely negative impact on existing residents as well as Loughton as a town. For Loughton, a multi-storey development will be out of keeping with the character of the town. It is an old town and is low-level and open in nature. The housing that surrounds the proposed site is all low level and is mostly Edwardian/Victorian. A multi-storey development will significantly and negatively change the green and open character of the town. Our home borders the car park and is on a lower level than the existing car park. A block of flats on this land would be directly overlooking our garden and home and will result in a total loss of privacy. In particular I do not want windows overlooking our garden where our children play. The plans as a whole will ruin the character and nature of Loughton, as well as totally overburden the services - can you tell me whether the plans make provision for the extra school places, doctors surgery places and all the other infrastructure needs that will be required? It seems to me that a 'garden suburb' outside of Loughton is a much more realistic option for fulfilling the government housing targets - could you also tell me whether this option has been fully explored? I look forward to hearing from you. Please would you keep me informed of any developments in the plans. Thank you for your time. Yours faithfully **....Redacted....**

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