

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 wish to air my concerns and objections with the Local Plan for development in the Debden Area. The Local Development Plan I am shocked at the cost and distribution of the LDP and the lack of informative information contained in it. I tried to complete the online consultation online 9 times and in the end gave up, hence this letter. because I have a history in the area I actually have spent a week seeking out information to balance my opinion. As a recent document I have formed my opinions as a resident from the Essex Local Authority Portraits A product of the Essex Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Green Spaces green spaces are important for wellbeing, community cohesion and for wildlife. We live on the edge of London which has horrific air pollution. Despite being surrounded by our green belt and open spaces, the current air pollution in Debden is recorded at 3 (DEFRA). Most of this is contributed by traffic at a standstill which is only going to increase IF our green spaces are built on. Jessel Green is used for multi recreational activities - funday, picnics, exercise and dog walking to name a few, and importantly it is a safe and regularly used space by the air ambulance. Residents could still do more to improve their levels of physical activity in order to benefit their health, to achieve a lower risk of cardiovascular disease, stroke and coronary heart disease and this may mean creating more opportunities for people to do so. Taking away the green spaces isn't preventative in helping people to help themselves. IF flats are built on this area, where will the recreational space be for these residents? why are available brownfield sites not being used as a priority? Flood Risk Drainage in my own garden is poor, frequently flooding after a downpour until the drains can cope. ...Redacted... has a new stream running in recent weeks. Taking out green space to put more concrete in will stop nature resolving naturally water drainage. I am also concerned that we have had a sink hole appear in Debden and am concerned that more could appear. Roads and parking "Epping Forest had a rate of people killed and seriously injured on the roads in 2012-2014 that was significantly above both the Essex and England rates of 42.2 and 39.3 respectively. The rate of those killed/seriously injured on the roads (70.2 per 100,000 population)) is above the Essex and national averages. Structural maintenance should be considered for 18% of the local road network, the second highest district figure in Essex. The area struggles at peak times and beyond already. Roadworks have already impacted the area which is unlikely to improve once the new trading estate opens. Parking for the acting school has turned Westall road into a car park while work is carried out. The green in Paley gardens is being removed next year for parking but for who? The tube car park plans are short sighted. Unless you are in the car park at the crack of dawn its full. Where are these residents going to park? The condition of current roads needs addressing now which shows with the huge development planned it is not viable. Transport Transport impacts on the health of a population via a number of factors including unintentional injuries, physical activity undertaken, air pollution and access to services. Good transport links have an important role in enabling access to business and jobs which are important to allow for economic growth. Some 16% of

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people seeking jobs in Epping Forest (ie on job seekers allowance) may miss out on employment opportunities unless they have access to a car. a central line at capacity, bus routes obviously not working, so we need more cars for our roads already is need of repair? traffic is already an issue without taking into account the amount of commuters coming into the district to use the central line. (I know people that travel from Hoddesdon and Sawbridgeworth to use the central line passing their local overhead stations) Public Services 2 local police stations have been closed, the 2 nearest hospitals with A&E departments are in special measures and a neighbour recently registered to a new doctors called for 2 and a half weeks to make an appointment with the first available one being in 2 weeks time. how will these services cope with the volume of new residents being proposed. Roding Valley High School is requesting planning to expand so again how will this cope with the influx of more people? I hope I have managed to put a balanced side across to my objections. I have been homeless within the district, I suffer mental health problems due to a severe car accident. I cannot take a walk in the forest, but I can enjoy picnics and bike rides with my nieces and nephews, take part in the funday and walk my dogs on Jessel Green. My Grandfather helped build the estate, and my Mother moved from London in 1953 to a part built Debden. Sentimental maybe, but I hope that for years to come my family can enjoy the green spaces and keep the community spirit alive here. I hope that brownfield sites can be made more attractive despite the additional cost. Serious consideration needs to be made to the local infrastructure that is already struggling with demand without destroying the wellbeing of locals.