

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

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Letter or Email Response:

Dear Sir, I am writing to you in my capacity as the ... Redacted ... which you will know is a major provider of local community support within Debden and Loughton. I also write to you in my capacity as co-chair of ... Redacted ... In Loughton, and also as a local resident (living at ... Redacted ...

We are very disturbed by the Draft Local Plan and the current proposals to build a large number of homes in the Loughton and Debden communities and without seemingly the corresponding community provision needed to meet the needs of the resultant increase in population. We totally understand the need for housing locally, but have the following reflections on the proposals: •under current proposals, it seems that up to 60% of Debden's current open and green spaces could be lost. At present, the green on Jessel Green is used regularly for dog-walking, football games for local children and youth, and several community events. For the last few years, we have helped to organise the community event on the green every summer, which has been incredibly well attended by several thousand local residents. The loss of this green space would be hugely detrimental to the local community, to mental and physical health and well-being and community cohesion. In addition, our weekly youth activity, ... Redacted ... has regularly used the green by Rochford Avenue for games and outdoor activities. The local youngsters would lose valuable space for exercise and burning off energy were this to be built on. •the current proposals for building on the underground station car parks do not detail any suggestions for alternative parking for commuters during any building period. Given that car parking space in Loughton and Debden is at a premium (in our view, there are inadequate car parking spaces for the new developments on Burton Road and on the old Winston Churchill site), any redevelopment will cause huge disruption for local residents who are already frustrated by parking conditions. •the failure to detail extra community provision, including extra primary school places and additional doctors surgery provision also seems to be a major oversight. The land adjacent to Epping Forest College would seem to be much better used to provide these facilities than significant numbers of housing - and indeed if the restrictive covenants had been left in place on the land, would have been good value for educational and health provision. As ... Redacted ... - and indeed, ... Redacted ... In Loughton - we would be willing to consider partnership in developing some of this local community provision, including nursery or free school provision and would love to begin a conversation with EFDC about this. •finally, given all of the above, we would be most strongly in favour of using industrial brownfield site, like that of the Clinton cards factory or other areas on Langston Road for the additional houses rather than the green spaces in Loughton. As ... Redacted ...

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we are very positive and supportive of the local council and appreciate that issues like this are never easy to resolve. We do trust, though, that the views of local residents and local voluntary organisations and community groups will be heard fully within this process. I would also like to repeat that we are willing to be a part of increasing local community provision, and would be open to conversations about this. I am probably the best contact point to begin this conversation. With many thanks, ... Redacted ...