

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

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### Letter or Email Response:

Dear Ms. Thorn RE: Epping Forest District Council Local Plan and The Chigwell Neighbourhood Plan We write in connection with the proposal for EFDC's local draft plan for the development of some 220 homes at the Limes Farm site, adjacent to Manor Road, Northdene and Millwell Crescent, among other proposed developments in the area. As local residents we are concerned about the impact such a development would have on the local infrastructure. Until a couple of years ago it was possible to make an appointment to see our doctor within a few days but we now I have to wait seven to ten days. Due to the now heavier workload and the never-ending amount of additional people joining the surgery several doctors have left our medical centre and part time-doctors are being used. We do not now have a full time doctor who is familiar to us and who knows our problems. We cannot imagine how local surgeries will cope with perhaps a further 400 plus people needing a surgery/medical centre. The local hospitals too are suffering from over-crowding and long delays in A & E. We are also concerned about the impact such a development would have on the local infrastructure regarding schools (especially secondary school places), parking, traffic congestion and the parlous state of the local road conditions which would be exacerbated by heavier traffic use. We are also concerned that as there is no longer any police station or obvious police presence in the area, criminal activities are a worry. Manor Road, although a main road, is quite narrow and provides only one lane of traffic each way and accessing Manor Road from a side road has become more time consuming since the extensive building work opposite and alongside Grange Hill station. Another 220 homes equals approximately 600 plus residents and possibly another 500 cars, all converging onto an already busy narrow main road close to traffic lights and cross roads. We have noted also that the traffic lights at Fencepiece Road/Manor Road have, over recent years, been altered and take much longer than they used to, to change. We feel that EFDC's proposals make a nonsense of the local authority's aims of keeping the rural nature of this area and strongly oppose a concentration of housing at the Limes Farm site which in our view, could make the social problems on Limes Farm worse by increasing the population and adding to an already stretched police workload, as mentioned above. We support the Chigwell Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan proposed as a more sympathetic solution to the requirement to provide more homes in the area by 2030 by providing smaller developments which would be more spread out across the Chigwell area and create less impact on the local communities rather than a large scale development providing half the requirement at the Limes Farm site. We therefore strongly oppose the proposal by EFDC Local Plan for Chigwell and would rather support the proposal contained in the Chigwell Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan. Yours sincerely

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