

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

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Letter or Email Response:

Dear Epping Forest District Council, I would like to react on the plans of building new homes on the open spaces in the area I live with my family. We moved to Loughton this autumn with my wife, daughter and our dog. The open spaces in and around Loughton played a key part in our decision to move and settle down here. We are people who like to be in nature. My daughter is four and she is an active child. We are using the playgrounds on Jessel Green and Rochford Green a lot. Also our dog walks a lot on both greens amongst others. Those are the size of open place where we can throw a ball to her to get her tired. Even she is nine years old now, she is active as a puppy as everybody says around here who we met. Speaking of others, these are the places where we connected to the local people when we got here months ago. As I see everybody likes to get outside on the fresh air and relax, walk, play or just stop and talk to each other. These fields are the heart of the local community. For our mental and physical wellbeing it is needed to be close to nature. This is necessary to maintain our resilience to everyday stress. The closer we have the opportunity the better. Building houses on these premises would severely degrade the possibilities to socialize, keep a healthy and fit lifestyle in this area. Notwithstanding reducing the suitable area for walking and playing with dogs seriously. On another matter, as we moved to the area after September, we are still struggling to find a nursery place for my daughter. Nurseries and schools seems to be over their capacity and still can not serve the current demands properly. Adding circa 250 homes would mean even more demand on the education and health services in the area. I do not see this as a forward looking and well considered plan. If you would check out Debden Broadway at around 9am in the morning, you would see it fails to cope with the plethora of vehicles trying to pass by. Add another 2-300 vehicles to that and it spells disaster. Another thing with vehicles is parking. **...Redacted...** Thanks to the welfare of Britain most homes have two cars (we have none yet) so some of them are forced to park on the grass or on the roadside. The situation is the same in all the streets around. Pulling more inhabitants to the area would not help on this matter either. I do not understand the reasoning behind cramming even more people into these areas which are already full and stressing even more the infrastructure which barely copes with the current situation. I hope you consider these matters and drop the current plans to find a more favourable solution for the goals you are set out to reach. As I heard other areas are going in different directions like planning garden villages.

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