

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

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Letter or Email Response:

Dear EFDC, Having seen the districts "draft local plan" concerning housing developments in the area in a leaflet and also having visited lopping hall in Loughton during an exhibition,! feel I must write in order to express my opposition to the proposals which seem to show complete disregard to the districts environment and also of the people in the communities which live there. This is particularly so in the area of Loughton where I reside, In this area there are proposals to build on nearly all of our green spaces, (Jessel green, Rochford green, Luctons field). These areas are used daily by many people at all times of the year for recreational purposes and I myself have used Jessel green frequently for many years to walk my dog and as somewhere to take my children to play in the summer and to sledge if we get snow during the winter, also attending the annual Jessel green community fun day. The contribution to many people's health and wellbeing in the community should not be underestimated when looking at these plans. These green spaces were deliberately planned when the LCC built the Debden estate in order to provide people moving into the area with a place for recreation and enjoyment, with this in mind, at the exhibition we saw the headings "A VISION FOR....."which would give the impression that the councils view for our and our children's future is to create a district with intense urbanisation and the destruction of our leafy environment. The plans also do not include any information on the infrastructure surrounding the development of these areas, the roads around Loughton are already congested and the lack of parking around the town has meant that many shops in the town are deserted as people go to out of area shopping centres. We now have the development of the Longston road retail park which could further damage our high road shops ability to remain open. In my opinion the only sensible proposed areas in the plan concerning Loughton are the development of sites such as the golden lion pub, the resource centre Torrington drive and vere road, these such sites have no major impact on the look of the area and the people who live near them and in some cases like the golden lion could possibly improve the area. These views on the plan are not only mine they seem to be shared by many people I have spoken to in Loughton and also having family in other towns in the district it seems further afield too. In closing I believe the council should look more closely at using badly utilised industrial brownfield sites and I would support the changing of our valuable green spaces to village green status thus protecting it for future generations to enjoy.

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