

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

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### Letter or Email Response:

Dear EFDC I am writing to respond to the Draft Local Plan. I appreciate the need to plan for future housing needs but I am concerned about the scale of the proposed developments - especially the proposal to build on Loughton's green spaces - Jessel Green, Rochford Green and Lucton's Field. My children regularly play on Jessel Green both on the playground and on the wider green. As a football coach, I know the health benefits associated with physical activity. Where are the local children supposed to play safely if the greens are extensively built on? It can only make childhood obesity in the area worse. I also have a number of concerns related to the ability of the areas infrastructure to cope with the scale of the development proposed. The transport network is already at breaking point. The roads are congested - I regularly get stuck in traffic on Loughton High Road. The Central Line is overcrowded now. The existing infrastructure cannot cope with this level of development. During the school run the level of congestion in our area is terrible currently. I am concerned not only about road safety for my children walking to school but also the increased levels of pollution they will be exposed to. Although there are a number of schools in the area they are already under pressure. My son started **Redacted** School this year - Year **Redacted** was vastly oversubscribed relative to the number of places. We also struggled to find a nursery place for our daughter. Where are all the additional children going to go to school? Doctors, dentists, hospitals, emergency services can any of these cope with the level of development proposed? Lastly Loughton as a district is also vulnerable to flooding. If the majority of the green spaces are developed where will all the rain water run-off go? Have studies been performed to show that existing properties will not be at increased risk from flooding? To conclude, I have deep reservations about the scale of the development proposed in particular on Loughton's green spaces. I hope EFDC will thoroughly investigate each of my concerns and if they cannot be addressed the developments will be scrapped. Yours faithfully

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