

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

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### Letter or Email Response:

All such plans are formulaic and may miss important points that are essential to resolve NOW, before we can move into the future. It is also VERY important to note that the Epping Forest Rea District not operate in its own exclusive bubble. Taking the Central Line as an example, if the only users and potential users were from the Epping Forest district the parking problems at the hub, Epping, would be greatly reduced. As it is, commuters from Epping Forest and further afield find they have to arrive at Epping Station by 0715 to be sure of a parking space on a daily basis. Just the cost of parking is already £1500 per annum. When parking is not possible commuters are likely to drive down the M11, which is SEVERELY congested in both the morning and afternoon/evening commutes. A 35 minute journey can take up to two hours in the current worst case scenario. My conclusion is that Essex must address with the local authorities a transport infrastructure investment to adequately cope with traffic flows and, hopefully, divert them to much more environmental and sustainable solutions. Exactly the same applies to TfL. Almost all the commuters by every method of transport are heading into London, in my case to Bow. The Central Line is the only method of transport that can ease the need to drive down the M11. I would suggest that car parking for 4000 cars is needed to help alleviate some existing pressure on the M11. Epping station provides over 500 parking spaces and residential accommodation is suggested for station car parks. If there is any restriction on existing inadequate station car parks on the Central Line the only answer is more chaos. A large car park could be provided on North Weald airfield or adjacent to the airfield. This could be served by a dedicated busway to Epping or, perhaps, a new North Weald Parkway station alongside the M25 and trains, additionally multiple satellite car parks could be built on the northern road approaches to Epping. If progress is made in these areas it would help developments planned in the Epping Forest District to WORK. Without greatly improved access to public transport none of us will be going anywhere.

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