

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

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Letter or Email Response:

1st Response Objection to houses being built on land adjacent to one of the busiest and most polluted roads in Western Europe reference SR 0069/33 and SR 0113B together with SR 0445 & SR 0333Bi. The Environmental Audit Commission has warned that tens of thousands of deaths are caused by nitrogen dioxide and particulate pollution and that Air Quality should be prioritised in planning decisions. (Commons Select Committee 8 Dec 2014). Air pollution has been highlighted as a public health and the recent Supreme Court Ruling has held the UK Government in breach of the EU Ambient Air Quality Directive 2008/50/EC. Highways England has itself admitted that busy motorways are in breach of this directive (see Motorways break limit for toxic gas- Sunday Times 1st Nov 2016). According to the web site essexair.org.uk data published by Epping Forest District Council from static diffusion tubes at Bell Common near to the sites above exceeded the allowable limits for NO2 for the whole of the period 2010-2013. Before any houses are constructed there should be a long term continuous monitoring program to assess the peak and mean levels of particulate and toxic gases to provide data on periods of congestion and particularly when the weather does not disperse pollutants, to ensure any pollution is below statutory safe limits. 2nd Response: the developments above will lead to severe congestion on the Ivy Chimneys Road- Bridge Hill-Brook Road. Therefore an in-depth traffic survey should be carried out in the morning peak and when the schools close in the evening as schools are at each end of these roads. With considerable parking, the roads are often partially blocked, The narrow skew bridge under the tube line unsuitable for large vehicles or more traffic and MUST be rebuilt prior to any development. Given the proposed level of housing, traffic modelling should be performed to ascertain if emergency vehicles can realistically use this route to reach either school so as not to put children at risk. Appropriate infrastructure such as roundabouts at the top of Ivy Chimneys Road and where Theydon Road meets Epping High Road should be built as a condition of any development, as currently, for large parts of the day, Epping High Road has traffic backed up which renders access for emergency vehicles difficult. **...Redacted...**

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