

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

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Letter or Email Response:

1 - No urban intensification of our town please - an out of town garden village is a better alternative for Loughton which has become much too crowded with all roads & services under stress. Other Districts have chosen to build a garden village well away from existing centres - why has Epping Forest not done so? 2 - No building on Loughton's public urban open space please - the green spaces are our parks, badly needed for recreation, the physical and mental health of large numbers of residents. The open spaces were created for the well-being and benefit of the residents. The benefit of public open spaces has been emphasised in the recent application by Ebbsfleet for a new town - why does Epping Forest not recognise the benefits of public open spaces for its residents? 3 - Not enough infrastructure delivery - the District Council does not control these critical aspects and has no power to increase the capacity of roads, schools or doctors to cope with the proposed new homes. Improvements to infrastructure / services generally come after development, not before. 4 - Central Line has no more capacity - for years a very overcrowded service at times when people must use it. This town has a lot of commuters - to add more will worsen travelling stress, degrade residents health & quality of life. 5 - Loughton's green spaces should not be in the Local Plan - they are needed more than rural Green Belt situated miles from residents. The Council values revenue from land it owns more than the wellbeing of 32,000 Loughton residents. 6 - Car Parks & flats on top - more parking and flats are welcome if only two storeys, any higher would destroy the open aspect of each site. Residents fear the Council and developers will be too greedy and want to impose 3 to 4 storeys, which will ruin the character of Loughton. 7 - No High Buildings please - ask any resident how much they value the open aspect and leafy character of this town. A major reason for Loughton's appeal is because about 98% of all existing homes are no higher than two 2 storeys. 8 - Loughton's Urban Open Spaces need future protection - Loughton Town Council submitted the evidence for Village Green registration some years ago. The District & County Council have not granted this - why not?

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