

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

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### Letter or Email Response:

We wish to make it quite clear that we fully oppose certain aspects of this plan and have grave concerns with regard to some others. Our joint responses to the local plan are as follows: We strongly disagree that if passed the plan will enhance the quality of life for the people of Epping Forest, and most certainly WILL NOT protect the Green Belt and environment in North Weald Bassett: SR-0512. This land is green belt and the garden of St Clements - St Clements C 17 is a Grade II listed cottage originally built to accommodate the Priest to St Andrews Church Vicarage Lane. It lies within approximately 1.5 acres of land, which the present owner has offered as appropriate for the council to use as building land. It is of considerable architectural and historical value to the village. Building eleven houses in what is effectively the back garden would completely detract from the appropriate setting of this historical building and would not be in keeping with the surrounding area. It must be noted that the several planning applications to build on this land by the present owner have all to date been rejected, predominately due to the proposed number, size and loss of green belt. ...Redacted... St Clements - we have lived in ...Redacted... As above the house was built for the ...Redacted... to St Andrews Church approximately 250 years ago. The property is included on the Councils List of buildings of local architectural and historic importance and as such makes an important contribution to the character and appearance of the local scene. We also have approx. 1.5 acres of land and as you will see we HAVE NOT offered this land as a proposed site for further buildings. WHY - because we are passionate about history of the Village and especially our Church and the Vicarages that supported it. On a practical note the construction of any houses or buildings on the land next door will have a considerable detrimental effect on the drainage and sewage systems (the property is served at the present time by a cess pit). We must also mention the amount of disruption to the road, dirt, mud, noise, dust and general disturbance whilst these proposed builds take place. This whole area is steeped in history especially with regard to the Great War & the 2nd World War with St Andrews holding services every year to remember the people who gave their lives for this country. Also situated in Vicarage Lane West is the North Weald Bassett Parish Council Cemetery. "The Cemetery offers a tranquil and peaceful setting" Offering perfect resting places. How peaceful will this be with the number of properties planed for fields opposite vicarage lane and in the airfield? Plans SR-0003, SR-0036, SR-0072, SR-0119, SR-0158A, SR-195B, SR-0417, SR-0455. It is quite unrealistic to expect this small village to cope with this extremely large influx of buildings, especially as to date, no definitive plan has been tabled with the supportive infra structure that will be required. We do not believe the council the council has considered the amount of green belt that will be lost and would like careful consideration is made to the following: Sewage - the existing

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system is at breaking point Roads/transport - Rail, underground and the local roads also at breaking point. Policing - we have lost Epping police station - crime is on the increase already!! Fire / ambulance service - from a health and safety perspective, especially in view of the already stretched services it is NOT viable. Education - No thought with what would be the required tome frame Wildlife etc. etc. - The list could be endless. Yes we do need to provide more housing, yes we do need to acknowledge the part North Weald must play in this, however North Weald has had open fields for decades. Now it seems that greed on behalf of landowners, and a short term 'apparent' solution by the District council will irreversibly change this

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