

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

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### Letter or Email Response:

I write to express my deep concern and OPPOSITION to the EFDC Local Plan. The amount of housing being allocated specifically to the Epping area is totally unacceptable. I would question the way in which these sites have been found (hands up, who wants to sell their land, Green Belt or otherwise?) as opposed to really analysing where would be best to place a considerable amount of new housing. It seems far more sensible to me if a new town was established rather than squeezing in amongst an already groaning environment. I speak with regard to my immediate neighbourhood (...Redacted...) so any development for the Green Belt area of Brook Road and along Ivy Chimneys Road). This area cannot take any more traffic. Frequently there are "stand-offs" between motorists, accidents as drivers try to squeeze through narrow spaces and pull out of turnings and drives with poor visibility due to the sheer volume of parked vehicles (made even worse by commuters parking all day, and in some instances all week!). The railway bridge alone certainly does not lend itself to heavy or construction traffic. Brook Road suffers now with flooding when there is heavy rain, I can only see it getting worse if, as proposed, hundreds of houses are built on the Green Belt land there, and surely it is unwise to choose to site housing so close to the M25 motorway, with all that associated pollution. The Green Belt is there for a reason, our Government attaches great importance to it. We should NOT destroy it. Our current local schools are oversubscribed, our GPs and hospitals cannot cope, where are we going to build new facilities to accommodate everyone? The Plan proposes demolishing our leisurecentre, cricket ground, tennis and bowls club - how ridiculous with more people living in the area and no leisure facilities. It is proposed to build on the two town centre carparks - are you trying kill the High St once and for all? Commuter parking is already a major issue in Epping. To build on the station car park and lose what parking there currently seems crazy. We need to be addressing the issue that commuters drive, some a considerable distance, to get on the underground network since the fares are cheaper than other mainline services. I strongly believe, should this plan go ahead we will : - Have inadequate road infrastructure - Increased pollution - Inadequate provision of schooling, healthcare, emergency services - Lose our High St - Increased flooding - Loss of leisure facilities - Lose the wonderful character of Epping forever - Be doing our children (the future) a great injustice

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