

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

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Letter or Email Response:

I write in response to the Draft Local Plan. I have read it through several times and sit here in disbelief that such a piecemeal document is seen as a plan. If so many new houses are required in the area, why not build a new development, carefully planned, with the infrastructure in place. Whilst North Weald Airfield has a history, to be honest that's all it has! It's not an area that makes one swell with pride, being a run down, derelict area that is slowly being eroded. Its history is magnificent, so why not use it for the benefit of the community? I live in Coopersale, and it seems like the planners are looking for any space to squeeze a few houses in. It seems that the objections to a recent application were ignored, and the development of 18 houses on the allotments was granted permission, against the wishes of the local people. Are the developers supplying additional medical care, or school places? I see that the other allotments behind the village hall are suggested as a space for housing, even though that is a facility of the village granted by a 299 year deed in 1935. Building on the cricket field and the school field, seems to be such a short sighted suggestion; where are the school children expected to play football, and achieve a good level of fitness? Next we'll be hearing that so many children are obese because of a lack of exercise. It seems that the local school did well to hold on to it when playing fields were sold off for housing in the 1980s and early 90s. On the subject of schools, is there any intention of building a new school to cater for all the new people in the area. Healthcare is difficult now as it is, given the extra people, we need an additional facility; to gain a GP appointment within a reasonable time frame is asking the impossible. I believe there are two GP surgeries that cover Epping, North Weald, Coopersale and Thornwood. In Epping, I read that it is the intention to build over the station car park and the town car parks. The car parks are too small anyway, so with all the additional housing, parking will be even more difficult. If these are built over, there is no chance of expanding car parking in the town, or near the station. I moved to Epping some years ago, to be able to enjoy space and a green environment. It now seems that that will be denied me, if the Local Plan is accepted. I find the whole concept very depressing and sense that my voice will not be heard.

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