

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

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### Letter or Email Response:

I have studied the Draft Local Plan for new homes in Loughton and Debden and must inform you of my opposition to several proposed sites. I am astounded by the proposals to build on part of the Debden Station and Loughton Station car parks. These two car parks are completely full with commuters' cars on weekdays, as are very many of the surrounding residential roads. I understand that the number of parking spaces will remain the same after the construction period but where will the cars go during that period? We will surely be requiring more parking spaces for commuters in the future and for the inhabitants of these new homes. There appears to be no provision for the future inevitable increase in demand for parking spaces. The plan for construction on the Traps Hill car park would cause serious temporary loss of parking spaces where the demand is constant and essential for the continuance of the leisure centre, library and childrens' playground. Furthermore, we cannot afford to lose any of the existing small car parks at the south end of the Loughton High Road where there is frequently serious congestion when shoppers park indiscriminately on pavement kerbs and on double yellow lines. I am dismayed by the proposals to build on the Jessel Green and Rochford Green sites. The extensive Debden estate was built and interspersed with several green areas for the enjoyment and well-being of its inhabitants and today it remains an attractive area to live. I do not believe that we should lose any of our 'greens' which are important for the physical and mental health of the community. The Langston Road area would appear to be a much more realistic site for new housing rather than the centre of Loughton where roads are narrow and there is insufficient infrastructure to support an increased population. Also, the possibility of building new garden villages could be considered by Epping Forest District Council which would not destroy the existing overcrowded towns of Loughton and Epping. Susan Miller

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