

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

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Letter or Email Response:

I have read with increasing depression and anxiety, Epping Forest District Council's plans for 2,760 new homes across North Weald. As a resident of our historic and beautiful village of 20 years, I wish to have registered, my formal and very strong objections to this ridiculous plan for the following reasons. Roads and public transport systems - there is absolutely no way that the existing infrastructure is even remotely suitable for the amount of new houses and the accompanying several thousand people this would attract. Rail, underground and the local roads are at breaking point already. Public Utilities such as gas, oil, telecommunications, cable and electric do not have the ability to address the requirement of a greater population. Schools, hospitals and GP surgeries - these are already at bursting point and exceeding maximum capacity. They cannot cope at present and will be completely swamped. Sewage - the existing systems will require a massive investment to enable there not to be a public health problem. Library - the local library will be overwhelmed. Shopping - anyone supporting our local shops will understand how awful this plan will make the shopping experience. Any users of the local co operative will understand how its capacity is totally inadequate for the existing population let alone a few thousand more people. Policing - has anyone considered the increase in local crime that will inevitably occur with the proposed influx? Fire / ambulance service - from a health and safety perspective there need to a huge investment in these services that are already strained. Open Fields - North Weald has had open fields for decades. Now pure greed on behalf of the landowners and a short-term fudge of an idea by the District council will irreversibly change this beautiful landscape forever. The history of our airfield and the principles of why people lay down their lives for our village, our country and our way of life are being washed down the toilet. Wildlife will suffer. The area is home to wonderful birds and animals that depend on the fields, trees and the natural habitat to survive. The plan is "standing over them with an axe over their heads". This plan will have an adverse financial affect on all North Weald residents in terms of their housing and their jobs. I strongly object to this brutal and ill thought out plan. On a personal level I have brought up my children in this village and it has decimated my future plans. My children know this village as there home. There is not one positive aspect to this plan. My young family has already informed me that due to the influx of houses on the fields planned for Vicarage Lane West that they want to move. I do agree with them

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