

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

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Letter or Email Response:

I am writing to you as a 15 year old who is not allowed to comment on the draft plan because of my age. I think this is wrong, so I hope you will accept this letter and take in to account my views too. After all, I am the future generation and the decisions that you make now will have the biggest effect on me. I live on the outskirts of Roydon, close to the land you wish to develop at Katherines and Sumners. I have lived here all my life and I love it. I attended Roydon primary school but now I am at Burnt Mill academy in Harlow, so I have friends in both places and I love both places but for different reasons. Growing up in Roydon was wonderful, I live in a house with a large garden that is visited by deer and pheasants, moorhen and even water vole, we even had a visit from Middlesex wildlife trust once. At school we had lots of trips out in to our surrounding countryside. We carried out tree planting with Roydon countrycare, we visited the local farms, we learnt about trees and fungi. We built a wildlife woodland at our school, we even had a visit from David Bellamy. We were taught to appreciate our surroundings and how to protect it. Now, I am told that a big part of that countryside will disappear to make way for housing, why? I understand that we don't have enough houses in this country. I hear it in the news all the time. Of course I want to be able to afford my own house when I'm older, but not at the expense of the countryside I love. There must be other ways without using more of our greenbelt. I cannot believe every 'brownfield' site in Harlow has been looked at. Our world is being destroyed through climate change, this is because of the choices that humans make globally, but also locally. My Mum told me that the areas that have been chosen for development are said to be of low value. I value it GREATLY, does that not count? The piece of land has a vibrant environment and not possible to give up. Stream running through it and home to wide range of wildlife - development would be contrary to the Plans aims for bio-diversity and protection of important open sites. Currently used by many people for exercise. 'Proper countryside' when compared to Brook Road and Ivy Chimneys areas. approximately 115 homes

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