

## 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 raise my strong objection to the proposed residential development of Green Belt south of Brook Road and south of Ivy Chimneys Road. This is a totally inappropriate proposal as Epping does not have the infrastructure to support such a massive development project. The existing roads cannot take the current amount of traffic, with commuter parking and the aggression and abuse that comes with it, already unbearable. The gridlocked traffic, especially at peak times, brings with it a danger to our elderly residents and school children, not to mention the pollution. The proposal of at least 578 new homes will result in an increase of approx 876 extra cars on our roads (based on 1.5 cars per home which is an average for Essex). Bower Hill is increasingly getting busier and faster with the current volumes of traffic and the school runs make crossing the road perilous. Brook Road is already a difficult enough road to navigate with just a single lane for both directions due to parked cars, the railway bridge leading to Sunnyside Road and Crossing Road is hazardous enough to navigate with its sharp angle without the increase of nearly a thousand extra cars on those roads. The bus service through Bower Hill is already insufficient and the Central Line is already so overcrowded at peak times as it is, without the potential extra thousand or so people to support too. There is currently a long waiting list (approx 75) for a school place in Ivy Chimneys School, how will our local schools be able to accommodate the large influx of extra school places required? The local GP surgeries are full & current waiting times for an appointment are several weeks. How will an additional thousand plus people affect our ability to see our GP? Epping is a market town which will be ruined and to all intents and purposes will turn into a New Town. This is not what we want! The Council should instead consider a redevelopment of land around North Weald Airfield, as this would have access to the A414, or around Harlow which would have access to a Hospital; schools shops, transport network and the M11. The land at the bottom of Brook Road and Ivy Chimneys regularly floods so the suitability for building on it isn't there. There are no shops in the immediate area (apart from a tiny newsagent in Allnutts Road) therefore bringing an added pressure to use a car. Epping High Street is often gridlocked, forcing the current traffic down along Bower Hill and Brook Road to cut off a large section of the High Street. Parking in the High Street is a nightmare. I moved to Epping from London almost five years ago and have seen a noticeable difference in the volume of traffic and the speed of the cars racing down Bower Hill and onto Brook Road. The extra influx of cars should the building development go ahead will make this unbearable. I would trust that the Council will consider the objections of the current residents of Epping as this will have a detrimental affect on the quality of our lives.

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