

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

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Letter or Email Response:

Team Dear Sir/Madam, Public consultation on draft Local Plan -October 2016 Objection to proposal We write with regard to the public consultation of the proposed Local Plan. Building in excess of 1600 new homes in Epping - potentially increasing the local population between 3500 and 5000 people - is not sustainable and we wish to record our OBJECTION to the proposal primarily for the following reasons: 1. Traffic - The proposed level of development, particularly in Epping, is not viable. Traffic in the High Street and surrounding roads has worsened considerably over the past couple of years. Journey times have increased significantly from one end of the High Street to the other with traffic only moving at a crawl for the much of the day but especially in the morning/evening peak periods and at weekends. This will only get worse with the proposed level of development and, without consideration of additional infrastructure i.e a bypass, is not something that can be reasonably mitigated. 2. Infrastructure -The proposed Infrastructure Plan is insufficient to enable approval of the Plan; there is no commitment to improve facilities. The existing primary and secondary schools are at, and beyond, capacity in Epping- parents in Epping have to drive children to schools in neighbouring communities despite their local school being within walking distance as it is over subscribed. The High Street doctor's surgery cannot cope with current demand and struggles to retain permanent doctors due to the constant stress they are being asked to work under - please ask the practice manager. We discussed it in detail with her last month after ringing the surgery 40 times to see a doctor but only ever obtaining an engaged tone - it is not acceptable as it is and will only get worse . • Could significantly alter character of surrounding settlement

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