

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

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Letter or Email Response:

Ref: Epping Forest Local Plan My wife and I with our two young children, were one of the first families to move into a Chigwell Urban District Council (CUDC) 'Lecaplan' house in 1969. It was explained to us at the time that the planning concept for the enclosed area known as Limes Farm, was "small gardens with communal grassed areas set aside for recreation and leisure and to encourage community friendship" which is perhaps even more important now in our multi-racial society. It cannot be right, to build on the grassed areas which, in use, are our 'village green.' Our children and their friends were able to enjoy playing together on the fields and in the childrens' play areas here. Our grand children are able to do the same now. The grassed areas are used for family 'fun days' - sometimes organised by the Epping Forest District Council (EFDC) and the schools and nurseries hold outdoor classes, weather permitting. The school sports/football field is used, not only by the school, but by youngsters out of school hours. The high ground, bordering Manor Road, is also a popular leisure and relaxation area and as a vantage point to admire the view over parts of London and the Thames Valley and to get a spectacular view of RAF fly pasts on their way to London venues. St Winifreds Church also use the area at special times through the year. In fact it's used by local Chigwell residents, not just for those on Limes Farm. The London Borough of Redbridge have flats and houses in Copperfield and Amanda Close with vehicle access only through Limes Farm. The EFDC's Regeneration Scheme converted the ground floor flats and lock up garages in the Maisonette blocks to one, two and three bedroom flats, thus increasing the population on Limes Farm. New houses were also built in Orange Grove. There are now 1300 homes on Limes Farm with more than 3,500 residents. That really must be the limit for the Limes Farm 'Village' area. There is an ever increasing number of cars and commercial vehicles on the estate. The Regeneration Committee in the 1990's provided Traffic Calming measures by installing mini roundabouts in recognition of traffic volumes on the estate. There are Nursery, Infant and Junior Schools, a Teachers training school, a day nursery, a Community Hall, an EFDC Housing Office, a small parade of shops and a Synagogue. All of which attract road traffic movements onto and off of the estate. There is also a bus service, which terminates near Amanda Close plus an increasing number of delivery and service vehicles. Parking is at a premium with vehicles, mostly commercial, being parked off road on grass verges and public footpaths causing damage and obstruction. Result; congestion of traffic in the single access road into the narrow part of Fencepiece Road, which cannot be widened. It would be irresponsible to build 210 more homes, no doubt with a sharp increase in the number of motor vehicles, in an area that already has an inadequate traffic calming scheme and frequent traffic congestion. The Limes Farm roads are often congested, particularly in the narrow access road - even without the extra homes. We are warned that Limes Farm Infants and Junior schools may not be big enough to take all young children on the estate - next year. Public Transport services are provided by TfL and are, therefore, limited without some funding by ECC and that is in process of being withdrawn apparently. Train services via Woodford have already been reduced and the

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number 462 bus route to Limes Farm cut by 50%. The EFDC Local Plan is not in the best interests of local residents, least of all those on Limes Farm, whereas the Chigwell Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan is more thoughtfully prepared and better suited to all Residents of Chigwell. We sincerely hope that our green and pleasant land is preserved. ...Redacted...