

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

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Letter or Email Response:

Re: Thornwood Coopersale North Weald After attending several meetings regarding the EFDC Draft Local Plan my concerns are there will over over development of the above village resulting in the loss of "village" identity. My understanding of the plan indicates overdevelopment of the existing sites in relation to the size of the village leading to the villages joining and creating a town. At present the existing roads are struggling to cope with the volume of traffic and are at full capacity. If an accident occurs on the M11, M25 and even A10 this results in complete grid lock and should be resolved prior to any further development. Thornwood has numerous industrial sites adding to the traffic problem many of which are situated near to the B1393 ("feeder" road). In addition, I'm particularly concerned with the intensification of one site based on a narrow lane which is used as a cut through to other villages. Access to my home has over the years become frustrating due to the regular traffic congestion and industrial sites within the area. The proposed site at Harlow would impact on all the roads and the area already suffers with air pollution. Also the traffic is not only going to the M11 o head South or North and surrounding areas but to the underground which is already at its full capacity. The proposed building on Coopersale cricket ground and school field means the loss of the only open space with limited access to the proposed development site. Limited access applies to Thornwood's proposed development site. There is a question as to whom the cricket ground's lane belongs to. The villagers believed it to be gifted to them. This point has been brought to Mr Whitehouse's attention. We only have two GP surgeries serving the area, recently one of them has been reduced to one full time GP and is reliant on loans. Our A+E is at crisis point situation in an area hard to access with abysmal parking facilities. In general I am extremely concerned regarding the issue of building on green belt and the impact this will have. Thornwood and North Weald have a history of flooding and the affect the proposed housing will have on the villages is worrying as is the loss of good and versatile agriculture land not being protected. I appreciate new homes are needed, however creating a Garden Village would be a more sustainable option and believe there is a location for this purpose between Loughton and Abridge with the view of benefiting the local residents to get on the housing ladder.

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