

Local Plan Regulation 19 Representation
Planning Policy Team
Epping Forest District Council
Civic Offices
High Street
Epping CM16 4BZ

Name: EPPING NEWS

Address: 83 HIGH ST

Reference: Local Plan (Submission Version)

I wish to register my objection to the three local plan allocations within your Local Plan (Submission version) located on the following Epping Car Parks:

- Cottis Lane Ref: EPP.R6
- Bakers Lane Ref: EPP.R7
- Epping Station Car Park Ref: EPP.R3

I believe that the submission version of the local plan fails the soundness test on the following grounds:

- ✓ It has not been prepared positively
- ✓ It is not an effective solution for the area with regards to both housing and infrastructure
- ✓ The sites detailed above (among others) are not justified or viable proposals

The proposed disruption to these car parks, however short the period of time, would have a devastating effect on every town centre business. The development of homes being built on these sites will mean these car parks are closed for more than a year, if not two, causing significant long term detrimental impact to the vitality of the High Street.

The Cottis Lane car park has 213 spaces. These are used by hundreds of shoppers throughout the day, who spend time and money in the High Street. These shoppers will simply go elsewhere when they cannot park during the construction period.

There are several local sites which have not been included in the emerging local plan, which we feel are far more sustainable and deliverable than the three listed above such as the proposal at the former North Weald Golf Club.

We do need more homes in our local area, which will create more business for Epping High Street. But we must have parking, and lots of it if this High Street is to survive.

Date: 17/1/18

Signature: 