

4. This representation relates to

Paragraph

Policy

Site reference LOU R2

Settlement: Loughton

5. We consider that this part of the Submission Version of the Local Plan is

b) Sound: No
because it fails

Positively Prepared

Justified

6. Details of why we consider the Plan to be unsound**6.1 Inclusion of site LOU R2 without regard to the employment implications**

6.1.1 Paragraph 5.38 provides that "Policy SP 2 confirms the importance of identifying and delivering key infrastructure to support residential, traveller and employment growth across the District."

6.1.2 However, site LOU R2 has been included for development without any recognition of its current employment status. The site is described as a 'car park' with no mention of Loughton Self Drive Ltd, a local business (with a current lease on the premises) trading from this location (see site assessment SR-0227 at <http://www.efdclocalplan.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/A-B1.4.2-Extract-for-Loughton-pl41-181-of-full-Appendix-EB801Gviii.pdf>).

6.1.3 This business has been successfully trading for 24 years, supplying a service to local businesses, services and residents alike, as well as providing employment for local people. It regularly sponsors local events and support local and national charities.

6.1.4 Additionally, the present bus and rail interchange at Debden is inadequate and involves a walk of approximately 150m between Debden Station and the bus terminus. The Station is not accessible for mobility-impaired people to travel westbound..

7. Changes needed

The Plan can be made sound by requiring EFDC to provide for the continuation of the current lease in any development of the site. Incidentally, this site should not be developed without measures to enhance the modal interchange and to make the Station 100% accessible for mobility-impaired people.

8. Participation in the oral part of the examination

Yes, we wish to participate in the hearings.

9. We consider this to be necessary because

We think that it is necessary for us to participate at the hearings

- Because of our local knowledge (see description of Loughton Residents Association below)
- Because of the Council's failure to take proper action in respect of the views expressed in public consultations or in feedback from local Cllrs (see for example our representation on Site LOU R5 Loughton.

About Loughton Residents Association

Loughton Residents Association is a very active group of local residents who care for Loughton and its environment. Our membership is around 1,000 households, and we have been in existence for over 35 years. We are independent of any political party. We seek, and listen to, the views and concerns of Loughton residents and take action in support. We have a majority of the councillors on the Loughton Town Council, are the second largest group on Epping Forest District Council & are represented on Essex County Council. We provide our own regular printed and email newsletters to residents and our own website, www.loughtonresidents.org.uk

10. We wish to be notified when the Plan is submitted for independent examination

Yes ✓

11. Have you attached any documents to this application? No

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Signature:

28/01/18