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Directorate of Neighbourhoods  
Epping Forest District Council  
Civic Offices  
323 High Street  
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Dear Sirs,

Re. EFDC Local Plan

We are writing to oppose the latest development plans which are being considered for Epping.

It is with much dismay that we learn that Green Belt is to be considered for the new developments and a huge amount of homes are proposed to be built on it. This will fundamentally change the Epping area with roads, the transport system and doctors etc. being unable to cope with the new influx of people. Already the traffic passing through Epping is reaching gridlock and one wonders how on earth anybody is going to get from one end of town to the other. We already have trouble with road and pavement maintenance in the area and we are certain new roads have not been considered when planning this massive development. People will not be using the local shops as they will be unable to access the shopping facilities and consequently the town centre will die.

The proposal for housing to be placed on the Epping Sports Centre site, Epping Library, Epping station car park and town centre car parks is shameful. This will mean that Epping will have hardly any facilities left and yet once again people will have to use their cars to drive to other areas for these facilities. As for building on the car parks, what a ridiculous idea, Epping already has a parking problem and these proposed developments will certainly add to more severe congestion. We know the council is considering a multi-storey car park, which would be most intrusive in height and assume that once again you will use our Green Belt for this scheme! Due to Epping having the Central Line, commuters come in from all around the local area. With the proposed new building this will make congestion far worse than it presently is and a less pleasant place to live.

I trust you will take our concerns into consideration when formalising these proposed plans.

Yours faithfully

