

EFDC Local Plan Modifications Consultations

South Epping Changes

I do appreciate the reduction in the number of new homes to 450 in this area, but I can foresee problems to the present local community, and the new added community. The following are examples.

Traffic

- There was a vehicle bridge in the original plans, but this is withdrawn. The narrow and bendy Brook Road and Bridge Hill are already unsuitable for the level of traffic and the resulting congestion caused by motorists's regular use of this route as a cut through to avoid the daily congestion in Epping High Road. With the added traffic from the new 450 homes this problem will only escalate unless the bridge is re-instated.
- Due to the original design and lack of off-street parking for properties along Brook Road and Bridge Hill most residents' parking options are restricted to parking in the road. This adds to the considerable congestion and danger.
- This area must have the appropriate highway infrastructure to accommodate the additional traffic.

HealthCare

- The modified plan states that appropriate community and healthcare facilities must be provided. The current local GP facilities are stretched and the addition of residents for the 450 new homes demands new GP/Health hub within South Epping area.

Primary School

- The modified plan states that a new school must be provided. Ivy Chimney Junior and Primary School is already a full capacity and new applicants for the school are often declined and have to travel to Coopersale or to Epping Primary School. This will add to traffic congestion at school times which is already bad.

Play Area

- The grassed area at Flux's Lane opposite Brook Road is extensively used by residents for exercise and play for their children. A local junior football team practices on this park regularly and during the summer holidays this area is extensively used.