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OBJECTION TO PROPOSED PLAN FOR SOUTH EPPING DEVELOPMENT

I moved to Epping to provide a better, cleaner, up bringing for my family. Part of the appeal was the green space surrounding the area and most notablyRedacted.....

The road, which serves two schools, Coopersale Hall and Ivy Chimneys, in addition to the entrances to Epping Golf club and small business estate is already a heavily used, narrow road. The congestion during peak times puts an incredible strain on the local area, contributing to poor air quality.

With the revised plan of 450 new homes, the quality of air and standard of life for current residents will diminish considerably. On average, there are 2 cars to every household, this equates to approximately 900 additional cars in what is already a heavily utilised area. This of course, does not include visitors, cleaners, tradesmen, etc.. The traffic, air pollution and general wellbeing of current residents is under serious threat, **and as council tax payers for many years your responsibility should be to current residents first.**

- The schools are already oversubscribed.
- Doctors surgeries are almost impossible to obtain appointments.
- The footfall is already considerable.
- The proposed area is neither close enough to local amenities such as shops etc, nor within easy walking distance to the train station – which means, in general, more cars on the road throughout the entirety of Epping, an area which is already heavily congested.

Due to the pandemic, many people are now working from home – I find myself in this situation and this is now the new normal. My mental health will be enormously impacted by living not only in fear of this development for the next few years, of which there are very few details, but also whilst the construction takes place, which again will be many years of work, noise, dust and poor air quality due to the nature of the works.

Green spaces are not only important to maintain the integrity of the local area and its historic market town status, but also for the residents physical and mental wellbeing.

There are many sites in which developments would have less impact on such a small community and it is irresponsible to push through such a scheme regardless of its impact to the local area and its residents.

I do hope these points are considered and implore you to reconsider ruining the lives of so many people in order to accommodate a few more.

Scott Passfield

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