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Dear Sir or Madam,

I live atRedacted.....and I am writing to raise objections about the local plan that affects us as the residents.

Firstly, I would like to know if there is an exciting neighbourhood plan in place for Epping and if so, whether these plans can be reconciled with it and where i can find a copy of it

The current version of the plan says that approximately 450 new homes will be built on the area just south of Allnutts Road. This is quite probably the noisiest and dirtiest part of Epping due to its proximity to the M25 and M11 interchange and the fact the prevailing southwest wind blows the noise, dirt and pollution from the motorway towards us across these two fields most of the time.

I assume that each home is likely to have at least one car. While some households may not have a car, most will have several cars, meaning 400 to 1400 extra cars using the roads around epping. When our daughter was at school in Harlow it used to take us almost 15 minutes some to drive from Allnutts Road to the traffic lights at The Plain, en route to Harlow. With so many extra cars what are the plans to facilitate the flow of traffic at The Plain when the houses are built?

Parking in epping is an ongoing problem with the number of places to park steadily and inexplicably being reduced and yet this pain will inject maybe 1400 extra cars. If the new housing does not come with adequate off street parking, this is going to cause chaos with the displaced cars looking for places to park around the town. It is not the case that you can rely on buses and trains to get around in epping, unless you want to go to Liverpool Street or Harlow, you need a car. If you want to shop in Harlow, you need a car. If you want to get to Chelmsford or Walthamstow, you need a car.

The current lack of parking for High Road shops is already detrimental to residents using the shops and since the new restrictions in Kendal Avenue have come into force we are not able to use the High Road as we did before and i am already using them less as a result.

Originally, a vehicular bridge was intended to be put in place to ease the huge amount of extra traffic from the new house occupants. We understand that this bridge idea has been removed and heard that the massive cost of it was instrumental in the earlier housing plans being shelved. Can you explain why the bridge has now been scrapped and what is being proposed in its place?

Earlier proposals provided for extra community and healthcare facilities, but the current proposals still lack actual detail. The doctors, dentists and schools in the town and adjoining towns and villages are all oversubscribed, have waiting lists and it is extremely difficult to get an appointment or place at any of them.

I have walked our dog in the fields opposite Brook Road since we have lived here along with maybe another 50-60 households who own dogs and it is an important amenity in its own right.

We as a nation are supposed to be planting trees, not cutting them down, to slow down climate change and building on a green field site in the green belt seems to be the opposite of what we should be doing. This land would be more socially and environmentally beneficial if it was reforested, not built on.

On the subject of green spaces, we need more not fewer, and I wonder if all the relevant Climate Change advisors have been consulted in your plan to remove green spaces and build brick houses

and flats? Removing greenery is not what the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England and other sensible and ethical conservation societies are advising.

The drains in south Epping are often overflowing and were not built to carry the amount of sewage that they are now, so are their plans to upgrade the drains to deal with the extra load?

I have a letter from the water supplier saying they needed to meter the water in Epping to reduce water usage as there was not enough fresh water available to meet growing needs. This problem will be compounded by more houses

I look forward to your reply but in the first instance request your formal acknowledgement of this email as it will form a legal part of the consultation procedure.

Yours sincerely

Paul Handford

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