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Hello

I am writing to confirm my objection to the local plan, in particular for South Epping where there is planned 450 new homes.

My main reason is I believe the additional housing won't be supported by the necessary infrastructure.

Epping's roads are already very busy. Originally, a vehicular bridge was included in the plans, which would ease congestion. In the current Main Modifications consultation, this has been removed. The existing roads are already narrow and congested. There isn't the required infrastructure to cope with the additional traffic. This is particularly so for emergency, delivery/waste disposal/operational vehicles.

The current proposals say that 'appropriate' community and healthcare facilities must be provided. However, The existing GPs cannot cover the current population. A GP/health hub is an absolute must at South Epping, particularly given the site's location at the bottom of a steep hill, away from the current healthcare providers.

The current proposals says that a new school must be provided. Ivy Chimneys is already at capacity. A new, additional school is an absolute must for this site.

If South Epping does not get the necessary infrastructure, this will put additional pressure on the whole Town and Parish in terms of oversubscribed doctors, dentists, school places, road congestion and air pollution.

It will also impact the number of green spaces we have access to. The recreation ground on Brook road is used often by local children.

There have been no specific plans issued so as a local resident we don't know what the mix of houses/flats etc may be.

It would be very disappointing if the South Epping portion of the plan were to go ahead without the necessary infrastructure to support it, and without clarity for local residents on what may be built there. This has the potential to ruin the charm that Epping has, as well as put pressure on local services which are already under significant pressure.

We hope there may be reconsideration of this site.

Many thanks
Adam and Alex Stean