

Epping Forest District Council Representations to the Draft Local Plan Consultation 2016 (Regulation 18)

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Letter or Email Response:

Dear Sir/Madam, I would like to strongly object to the proposed draft local plans for the Loughton area. I am a Loughton resident and purposely moved here for the sense of green space. The reasons are as follows:

- INFRASTRUCTURE. The supporting systems in place are already at full capacity. What thought & funding has gone with respect to this? There are already problems with school places and doctor's appointments - how are they supposed to cope with extra numbers?
- CAR PATKS???. Seriously? ridiculous! There are already huge problems getting a space to park. Where do the planners think local residents and commuters are going to park? ALL car parks are used to the maximum.
- Commuter numbers will once again increase resulting in already over-crowded tube trains with the added problem of extra parking needed.
- Visitors who come to Loughton, for the High Road and Forest, will think twice if parking is a problem resulting in reduced trade for local businesses. Already local independent traders have suffered greatly through this.
- GREEN SPACES - essential for well being! Take these away and you are going to cause severe social unrest in the future. Over crowding & no where to breathe will not help matters.
- Wildlife will be also affected if pockets of green space are used.
- Flooding is on the increase and building houses in already condensed areas creates further environmental issues.
- These proposed developments will have a huge detrimental impact on the local area and the community feel that it currently has will be in jeopardy. Again, this affects the well-being of the local residents.
- The country should be regenerating and expanding towns where industries no longer exist in order to start spreading the wealth . These areas need housing and business investment. I am sure residents of these towns would welcome plans to invest in their areas and create jobs where it is needed. The South East certainly doesn't need to be continually over-developed and the area is financially stable compared to the rest of the country. Common sense is needed with long term planning that will be wise and cost-effective. The draft plans proposed are extremely short-sighted and seem to be a panic reaction to the demands of the Government (which is going to continue in the future even if these areas are used for development). We will basically be in the same position in 5 years' time as the need is not going to go away with these stop-gap plans. Will it then be proposed that we develop on forest land? It makes sense, and will be good cost-effective planning, to create new towns in deprived areas of the country in order to create affordable housing which would certainly not be the case in Loughton! I think only those councillors who live in the area should be allowed to vote. Put the interests of locals first. Regenerate brown field sites first. Leave our green spaces alone! Juliette Harvey

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