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

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Letter or Email Response:

The draft local plan is seriously flawed. We all understand the need for housing and in particular affordable housing. The district does have open spaces, a feature that is loved by all. The District Council does not have a realistic understanding of the needs for the population. One of these issues is the management and control of parked vehicles. Throughout the district there are many residential streets crowded with cars on both sides of the road or on grass verges. No attempt has been made to resolve this difficulty. It is certainly not included in the local plan. As a consequence there is an increased risk of accidents. Any increase in population will consequentially increase the need for the parking of vehicular traffic. The effect of the need for increased vigilance is obvious when travelling down traffic crowded streets. There is no attempt to address this issue in the plan, in fact it is of note that only limited parking is proposed. In the case of the Laughton Library car park this is one of only two large car parks is not increased but placed underground. More people more cars more car parking, but not in your plan. Our open spaces are our treasures . In a country that has lost so much of our land to buildings the current situation is almost unique. Small housing lots that have open space that enables the population to enjoy the openness of what could be called a small but important feature for the people of the district enabling the local population to freely enable their children and the people a safe and pleasant place to enjoy. There is a need for housing but this should no result in our green spaces. Brown field sites should be used as the priority. The impact of a large increase in housing on our towns within the district will create problems. Shopping streets are already suffering because of increased traffic and the centres are congested. A net increase in parking provision is essential now let alone with the footfall of housing increase. Another difficulty that arises from the proposed development concerns the ability to access to London as commuters. Travel to and from London from any Central Line station has now become very difficult as a consequence of increased usage throughout the line. There is no easy solution as the trains cannot be lengthened. The rolling stock is nearing its end of life but will not be replaced untilafter the Piccadilly Line rolling stock has been renewed first. Travel alternatives such as the Chingford line to Liverpool Street is accessible via the 397 bus, though not frequent. Parking in the Chingford area is similarly crowded. Housing developments planned by the London Borough of Redbridge in its local plan will only add to the current difficulties for commuters. The current expansion of primary schools in Loughton will result in increased demand for more secondary school places within five or so years. This issue will cascade to the need for additional places required at the Loughton College. A further difficulty is the impact on emergency services, some already at full stretch in particular the Ambulance service. The Loughton Fire station has now only one appliance and neither Laughton nor Epping has a Police Station.

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