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Dear Sir or Madam

I would like to submit comments on the Epping Forest District Council Local Plan following identification of the main modifications, as follows.

This Plan proposes to allow the building of several thousand new homes on Harlow's borders with Epping Forest District Council (EFDC) on what is effectively Harlow's Green Belt.

Harlow residents have not been consulted about these plans.

There will not be a single Council home built to address the real housing need in the area.

All the New Homes Bonus, business rates and Council Tax will be paid to EFDC but there will be a huge increase in traffic and therefore maintenance costs for Harlow's roads.

This huge increase in traffic will cause unprecedented and unreasonable delays for journeys on Harlow roads such as Rye Hill Road, Paringdon Road and Southern Way.

No account has been taken of the extra noise and pollution that will be experienced by Harlow residents as a result of the increase in traffic.

New Planning Applications (windfall sites) will mean that 3,000 more homes will be built in Harlow than required by Government. New estimates in respect of the growth in household numbers and immigration clearly show that the number of new homes needed is far lower than was envisaged even just a few years ago. As a result, there is no need to build new homes on Harlow's borders.

No account of these windfall sites has been taken by those providing public services such as school places and health services, which can only mean they will be stretched even further than they are now.

I request that my comments are given serious consideration and solutions identified and implemented prior to the EFDC Local Plan being commenced.

Yours faithfully

Steve Dean

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