

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

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Letter or Email Response:

Hello All, I have copied in Loughton Residents and Roxy Hadfield as this issue is so critically important to the local community. I must first extend some gratitude to Roxy, i have never met you, but to lead and drive forward a local campaign against this Housing Proposal gets my vote anyday and takes some sheer determination. I am a resident of Chester Road. My Grandparents moved into this same house in 1949 when the Debden Estate was very first built. It had even more open space then locally. My family have lived here ever since and were always thrilled with the local area and its natural beauty and greenery. To even consider taking this away from local residents is sacrosanct. Then to actually proceed and draft a plan to forcibly take precious recreational space is beyond measure and belief. Yes, we all know there is a housing shortage, in Loughton and of course nationwide. But do you really have to take away the green belt land that is loved by all families with small children / dog walkers / nature lovers and people wanting a breath of fresh air. What about underused sites..... surely not all of Langston Road is going to be swallowed up by the new Retail park. Isn't there some space usable there ? What about Oakwood Hill ? Is the whole of the Industrial Site there being used to its full capacity ? Please please please, think again about what the local residents want and use before hastily stripping away our prize jewels of the borough. Its like saying to someone - move to Loughton, and appreciate the Countryside..... whilst you can! I'm just relieved that my Nan isn't around to hear and see this outrage. Sadly we lost her last year, but having lived in the same house in Debden for 66 years it would break her soul as she really appreciated the free open space, just like everyone around the Debden Estate does every day. Do you want Loughton to become another faceless residential town with no community spirit - and mass housing projects ? Then think again. Do a straw poll at Loughton and Debden stations one evening at Rush Hour time. I would be surprised if you get more than a handful of people to back your plans, no one will support you. Accept it and think again.

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