

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

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Letter or Email Response:

Re EFDC Local Plan: Response to plans for Loughton & Debden I am writing to express my concern about the potential effect of EFDC's proposed Local Plan on the character and infrastructure of Loughton and Debden. Borders Lane playing field and old college "Middle site"Redacted.... I am very perplexed about where all the families that will live in the proposed 462 houses are going to have their children's medical and educational needs met? All of the relevant schools are, on current 4 year projections, full with existing children and unless the local birth rate is due to plummet there will few places for a significant number of new children. I am also unsure as to how the planned sports facilities could fit onto Lucton's Field with 304 houses as the covenant protecting these sites for much needed schools (Loughton could need another secondary school soon) or NHS services remains in force until the College apply for planning permission for the sports hall. Debden's greens The proposals to build on Jessel and Rochford Green are a terrible mistake and will destroy the planned landscape that was designed to give the estate the green and harmonious feel it has. These greens are essential to the recreational life of local adults and children. They host many community events, provide a safe accessible and suitable place for children to play, and - as climate change makes the UK weather wetter and more unpredictable - they will act as a sponge soaking up rain water and helping to prevent flooding in the local area. Building on Debden & Loughton Station, Traps Hill and Clifton Road car parks I initially thought this was a joke when I read the plans. If you are serious about keeping the same number of, heavily used and essential, car parking spaces and providing car parking for the 200 planned flats, you are going to have to build some fairly large multi-story car parks or tall blocks of flats - all of which would be completely out of keeping with the low-rise housing, shopping and leisure facilities in the vicinities. If underground car parks are planned, you would need to ensure that they are safe for users - especially for those parking late at night and using the tube. Utilisation of other sites (e.g. Clinton Cards site and parts of Langston Rd) I am dismayed that there appears to have been no serious consideration of using some of the existing industrial brownfield land. While you would hope that these areas could be used to create local jobs - realistically, many of these sites should be used imaginatively to provide housing, making them more habitable spaces for everyone Yours sincerely,Redacted....

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