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Local Plan Regulation 19 Representation
Planning Policy Team
Epping Forest District Council
Civic Offices
323 High Street
Epping CM16 4BZ

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my objection to the Epping Forest District Council Local Plan in relation to the proposals for Epping. In my opinion, the details listed below make the plan unsound.

1. The replacement of the Cottis Lane and Bakers Lane car-parks, EPP.R6 and EPP.R7, by housing will seriously damage Epping High Street as a shopping centre. If people cannot park close to the shops they will travel to Harlow, or further afield, and the High Street will die.

2. The removal of car-parking space at Epping Station, EPP.R3, will make it almost impossible for people living in outlying areas to park near to the station and take the Underground trains to continue their journey to work in London.

3. The replacement of Epping Sports Centre, EPP.R5, by housing will remove a popular and health-providing sporting facility from Epping, requiring people to travel further in order to keep fit.

4. In choosing the largest proposed area for new housing, the South Epping Masterplan Area, EPP.R1 and EPP.R2, to be adjacent to the M25, future residents there will be exposed to high levels of air pollution and noise, and parts of it will be at risk of flooding. Also, the area is a considerable distance from Epping Town Centre. Surely a far better location would be down Stonards Hill, which is closer to Epping Town Centre and to St Margarets Hospital and the Limes Medical Centre.

The first three proposals would do serious harm to the economic and social life of Epping.

Yours faithfully,

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Professor J.W. Humberston