

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

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Letter or Email Response:

To whom it may concern, I am writing with regards to the planned development sites proposed in and around Loughton on the Epping DC website. I am deeply saddened and angry with what I have seen. To read that the proposed sites on Jessel Green, Rochford Green, Borders Lane Playing Fields, have even been entertained is bewildering to me. The spaces you are proposing to take away are the reason that most people moved to the leafy suburban area, so our children could play and exercise outside in a safe clean environment, for our own sanity as a retreat from our manic Monday - Friday city jobs & level outside areas which are easily accessible to everyone regardless of age/mobility. The very idea that you are going to be taking these recreational areas from the residents is disgusting & the ripple effect of these planned dwellings unfortunately does stop at land grabbing for financial gain. The hundreds of new homes proposed WILL put strain on the already overcrowded travel, school places, police & NHS services in the area.

- Just a month ago we was told that the 167 route through Debden was to be terminated next year, a service I use daily.
- We lost our family Doctor surgery in Loughton High street as the cut backs made it necessary for ours to merge with another.
- Me and my husband commute daily into London via the central line and already the trains are overcrowded (even as early as Loughton) to the point it is dangerous.
- I even had trouble even finding a place at nursery for my little boy, all a direct result of overcrowding in the area as it is.

Yet STILL other proposals are still going forward for 114 homes on Loughton London Underground Car Park site and a further 193 homes on the Debden London Underground Car Park site! That's without the 158 homes already going up on the Old Epping Forest College Site!! This doesn't make sense, you are taking and taking from the residents of Loughton but yet we are seeing very little in return. Other Essex districts are planning garden villages and preserving our open public spaces, yet ours wants to destroy them. If development is mandatory in the area why aren't other sites being utilised for development first e.g. areas of Langston Road and other brownfield areas?? I deeply urge you to consider the implications of approving these plans, not just for the current residents but for future generations. Regards,

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