

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

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Letter or Email Response:

Dear EFDC, Regarding the Draft Local Plan I would like to make I known that I have concerns with the following:

WALTHAM ABBEY I cannot stress enough what a disaster it would be to allow homes to be built on Waltham Abbey Fire Station's site, Whether EFDC has much to do with the decision as to whether the station will go or not, it should not be promoting it's closure by lining up a measly 44 homes on the site. There is an element of vultures circulating about it. I welcome traveller sites in the DLP. To have allocated pitches should take any stress from local landowners when travellers are near the vicinity and it is right that that community has it's needs meet in terms of an accommodating piece of land. However, there is concern the pitches are too near the town centre. This sentiment, as I understand is also shared by the travelling community themselves. There is a serious concern that the 17 homes to be built on the Darby Drive/Abbey Gardens car park are going to disrupt ancient walls previously attached to the former Abbey. There is also a Quaker graveyard on that site. These are well known facts and even the proposal that this site would be built on in the first place does look like EFDC hasn't undertake it's most basic research. 463 Lea Valley nursery Crooked Mile - This most notorious of roads has been talked about being made safer for years and years. It will not sustain the increase of people that 463 homes will bring. There should be a solid, cogent plan of infrastructure for this proposed build at least. Community Centre Saxon Way - This is a much loved, much used Centre by members of the local community from 4 years old to 94. It's disgraceful that it is seen as acceptable to pull it down. The centre currently has a 17 year lease ongoing. That should not be ripped from the custodians hands. Otherwise there are concerns about jobs for the increase in population. People MUST be encouraged to use local facilities. We will need more GP Surgeries, schools, better road management, public transport (not less as seems to be the current trend), and investment into Sun Street. Deben I am against the proposal to build on Jessel Green. Deben has few green spaces as it is and as Jessel Green is much used and cherished, it would be wrong to deprive the community of it. Lucton Green is also well used and should not be built on. LOUGHTON Trap Hill - The Space youth club. This has been a very successful youth project and youth radio station. It is exactly these sort of places that the Plan should well avoid. EPPING There is a big concern of building on parking spaces and lack of alternate parking. More homes will increase the town's traffic problems tenfold. Finally, I am concerned this week to read the LP budget has increased by well over £1 mill and with no guarantees that there will not be further increases. Thank you for your time on these matters,Redacted....

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