

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

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Letter or Email Response:

Dear Sirs Having read the local draft plan, we are disturbed by if s guide to the future in our area. The following are a few of our concerns The taking of the school play in field is a retrograde step. In the past few years children have been encouraged to get involved in sport. Removing a playing field is not conducive in the fulfilment of this objective. Local services and infrastructure will be unable to cope successfully with the growth in population The new developments will radically alter the character of our village. For example, the loss of our local cricket ground. This land which is adjacent to the forest should not be considered for Housing. Taking a realistic stance, it would be fair to admit that we will require more houses in future years. However, with a huge increase in the population, piecemeal development is not the answer. Perhaps what is needed is one larger allocation of land, for example, a new town in itself. A suggestion could be to purchase part of North Weald Airfield. We fully understand that EFDC has to fulfil its duty and produce a blueprint for the future, however, these proposals have not been well thought out and as such are in danger of making our local area part of the urban sprawl. We trust that E F.D C take seriously their obligation which is to protect the character of our locality. The correct planning now will work towards the future well-being of all Epping Forest's residents.

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