



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

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Letter or Email Response:

Having attended the Loughton plan consultation meeting it was evident to me that the current proposal is not feasible in its current form. It does not appear that the infrastructure is available to support the 1100+ additional dwellings and no guarantees could be given that it would be. As I live in ...REDACTED... I'm already aware of Victorian sewers being inadequate to meet the existing needs. I expect more pipe faults will appear when further properties are added to Royal Oak site. The underground is already over crowded in rush hours without additional commuters. The new dwelling occupants will need work, a lot in London probably, or travelling to other areas by car, the roads & parking facilities are already overcrowded. Further school places are unavailable. Debden greens particularly are equivalent to local parks for the many who live there. To loose these and increase housing density is very likely to impact on the health of all. Loughton has already grown hugely over the last 50 years, to change the character by further densification will impact on the health of all residents. Experiments have shown that when mice are overcrowded they go mad. Enormous medical & mental health resources will be needed if the population of Loughton are similarly effected. Medical resources are already overstretched for the current population. Please respect the character of Loughton by ensuring that new builds are not higher than existing. I suggest an out of town garden village would be a more feasible proposition. This could be built with the necessary facilities (medical centre, school etc.,) to support the community it serves and perhaps relieve the pressure on the existing.

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