

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

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Letter or Email Response:

Dear Sirs, these are the reasons we object to the proposals made by Epping Forest with regards to the new draft plans for housing. With regards to the building on the Loughton car parks - the parking is already horrendous in Loughton and is having a knock on effect on the local side roads on the edge of town which includes my parents road, The Uplands. It is a small car and when I visit them I quite often have problems trying to get down the road due to drivers parking or driving inconsiderately. I often get caught in 'traffic' in the road just trying to get to their house which is a few minutes from mine which is ridiculous. This is only going to get much much worse with all the extra housing bringing many more cars into the area. There is also the general problem of heavy traffic in the area already which will only get worse. I have recently bought a flat in [...Redacted...] and with regards to the plans for the College site and Luctons Field the traffic is horrendous around the Debden Broadway area and Chigwell and Langston Rd areas. There is just not room for all the extra cars which is already going to increase with the new eyesore flats that are being built at the end of the Broadway. The loss of open spaces in Debden will have a negative impact on the well-being of residents who use these spaces for recreation, including play, sports, local events and dog walking - all of which contribute to positive lifestyles and the community. These green areas are the equivalent to Loughton as parks are to other towns. Green areas are not a luxury, they are a necessary part of living and are often a great part of the reason for people choosing to live in an area. If you take away those green areas you are removing a natural right and you are going to cause considerable upset to the lives of people living in adjacent areas. These proposed blocks of flats would not be in-keeping with the local existing housing as can be seen by the new 7 storey block of flats that are being built on the old Winston Churchill site at the end of the Broadway which is both ugly and dominating and certainly not in keeping with the low-rise properties in the immediate area. Jessel Green is unsuitable for housing as it has an underground stream running alongside it, which should not be disturbed. Parts of the edge of the Green are already subject to flooding and the risk of flooding would be increased. Jessel Green is also a long-standing identified spot used by the air ambulance. Reducing the landing area to a small spot at the edge of a housing development on the green would be dangerous. The additional housing proposed would increase the number of commuters using the Central Line by around 3% bearing in mind it is already extremely difficult to get a seat on the tube to go into London, and almost impossible to get one coming out of London where the discomfort of standing on an overcrowded train in the heat of the summer is already almost unbearable. We understand the need for additional affordable housing in the south east of the country, but we strongly oppose overdevelopment in the Loughton area and feel a new garden village type plan would be a much better proposal. The local GP surgeries are already overcrowded and the schools are already struggling. We have no local hospital and the police station has closed with our nearest police station and hospital being in Harlow - we have a long way to go if we are ill or need to report a crime. If we keep on building more concrete areas there is a greater

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likelihood of flooding and it seems as though no thought has been given to this. I have lived in Loughton for 30 years and have seen a huge change in this time. It used to be an area that wasn't overcrowded and had space and fresh air. The new proposals will bring more pollution, overcrowding and extra traffic and all this with no extra roads or supporting infrastructure which are already struggling under the sheer volume of traffic. In short it seems as though these plans have been put forward with little or no imagination and are completely unsuitable for this area. Regards,
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