

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

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Letter or Email Response:

Re. Consultation on Draft Epping Forest District Local Plan I am extremely concerned that the Draft Local Plan highlights the Epping Cricket, Tennis and Bowls Club ground for Housing development. (SR-0132Ci) This is a valuable local amenity for all local residents. If there are to be more houses in Epping and therefore more families there will be an even greater need for local sports facilities in the future. It does not seem to be 'good planning' to propose removing a well-established - and used - sports facility and then expanding the number of people who would want to use those same facilities. The proposal to build on the town's main car parks seems misplaced for two reasons - firstly if they have to be built on then it should be as multi-storey car parks not flats, this applies particularly to the Station car park. Secondly where in the Plan is there any solution as to where the cars should park during the 2 years plus it will probably take to convert each of them to flats. Also the additional housing planned for Harlow will even further increase the demand for Station car parking as new residents attempt to use the cheaper Tube to travel to London. Some of the assumptions used in the Plan appear - to Epping residents - to be inaccurate to say the least. The idea that the Tube is only 37% utilised would not be supported by many peak time users. The fact that there is spare capacity outside peak times is totally irrelevant. The consultant's conclusion that the Limes surgery has spare capacity may be correct if he only looked at the number of empty seats in the waiting room but ridiculous if he had tried to make an appointment with a doctor of his choice. I hope you will consider these aspects and reject the Lower Bury Lane site as suitable for future Housing development.

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