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EPPING FOREST DISTINCT COUNCIL

26th January 2018

## CONCERNS ABOUT THE BUILDING OF NEW HOUSES NEAR BROOK ROAD AND THE CLOSURE OF EPPING SPORTS CENTRE.

Dear sir/madam,

I am a long term resident of Epping, living at the above address and wish to express my concerns about the building of new houses in Epping and theb proposed demolition of Epping Sports centre in Hemnall Street.

Epping is a small town of about 12,000 population. The new building proposals will transform our small town. The proposal to build up to 1300 new houses will result in a rise in population to possible 16,000 people, a 33% increase.

My concerns are that the current infrastructure, roads, hospitals, schools in the local area will not be able to cope with the influx of people. I want to see guarantees that, before any building work goes ahead, these concerns are fully dealt with and resolved.

It is clear that the people of Epping want the new houses to be built, even on the green belt and want the Epping Sports Centre to be demolished. If they didn't want this they would NOT have continuously voted for councillors who seem to have no other intention than building the new houses and knocking down the Sports Centre.

With regards to the Sports Centre in Epping, the promise, as I understand it, is that a new Centre, to replace the existing one in Hemnall Street will be built in North Weald. My simple request is that you do not knock the old centre down until the new complex is built. This will ensure that the many residents who use the training facilities will have somewhere to go in the local area.

I am very concerned that if the Sports Centre is knocked down before a new one is built and then planning permission for the new centre at North Weald is rejected, the town will be left without any sporting and training facilities.

I hope that you can bear these simple requests in mind when considering the planning of the new houses and the demolition of the Sports Centre.

Yours faithfully

Neil Camp

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