

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

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Letter or Email Response:

Objection to draft Local Plan I list below just 5 of my reasons why I object to the Local Plan of anymore houses or flats being built in Loughton. I could list many more but here are my main points: 1. No to changing Loughton's character - The character of Loughton is one of the main reasons I moved here from a congested and heavy populated area. Over the past 5 years I have seen the character of the area changing and having a more enclosed feel, the demolition of the Winston Churchill Pub and build of a large eyesore block of flats is just one example. Loughton High Street was once a thriving lovely high street with a variety of shops, now it is full of coffee shops, barbers or empty carcasses. Where will all these new house dwellers shop? Crime and drug use is more commonplace. Burglaries, petty vandalism, signs of drug use and shop lifting, its all you ever hear about lately. 2. No urban intensification of our town please - Loughton/Debden is already too crowded with many main roads heavily congested and local services under stress. It took me 45 minutes to get from Willingale Road to the M11 turnoff this Monday morning. The roads may be in the process of widening but that's to accommodate the Langston Road development, not the proposed housing. The road congestion needed to be looked into before the Langston Road development so I cannot see these new changes helping just the normal local traffic in any case. Realistically I don't believe there is any going to be any great change and we will continue to suffer and sit in unnecessary traffic during peak times. 3. No to building on public urban spaces - Our green spaces like our parks are always being used for the recreational, physical and mental health of lots of residents. They enhance our community spirit with various activities going on throughout the year. Our open green spaces are needed more than rural Green Belt miles away from us. The Debden greens should be designated as "District Open Land". 4. Not enough infrastructure to support us now - You, the District Council, do not control critical decisions on our roads, schools or doctors. That has already been shown by the poor choices made on how the widening of the roads for the Langston Road Development. Our key services are already at full capacity, there will be an influx of new residents with the flats and houses already being built at this time, how much more our key services are at breaking point. 5. No more room on the Central Line - I use this service from Debden to Liverpool Street. Even though I am 2 stops away from the end of the line I am lucky to get a seat in the mornings, otherwise I have to stand for 45 minutes. Again coming home, if I don't get a seat at Liverpool Street, I don't tend to get a seat until a few stops away from Debden, that's if I have not been thrown off the train at Loughton to wait 5 minutes to change trains to go one stop! Will TFL listen to the District Council and run more frequent services, they haven't listened to us (who pay thousands of pounds) for years • so I doubt it. I find my travel stressful and degrading and it actually affects my home life. The buses a ridiculous, the 167 and 20 bus leave and arrive through Loughton/Debden at the same time, so if you miss one bus chances are you miss them both and therefore when you do get a bus its packed and yet there trying to stop the 167 - not the answer is change the timetable so they are 10 minutes apart - why cant you, the District Council help with making TFL

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understand these simple changes which can make a better impact your residents. I do love Loughton as it stands right now, I love the community spirit, my son attends a great school, my Doctors and other local services are of a good standard however travel whether by car or train is very stressful, resident or shop parking is a nightmare and crime and drug use is sadly becoming more common place. If anymore houses or flats were to be built I think I would have to seriously consider moving to another area which would be heartbreaking but best for me and my family as living round here would never be the same.