

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

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Letter or Email Response:

Dear Sir I am generally unhappy with the Draft Local Plans. In particular:- 1)There are proposals to build on various car parks, eg those at Loughton Library and Loughton Station. This will simply displace commuter traffic onto local residential streets, to the detriment of the people who live there, and will also prevent people from driving into Loughton for shopping and recreational purposes. 2)The Central line is full to capacity during rush hours, and nearly so even at off peak times. Increasing the population will simply make a bad situation worse. There are no proposals to deal with the required increase in train capacity. 3)We are blessed with a large number of open spaces, scattered throughout the town. These are a valuable resource for people to use, and add greatly to the ambience of Loughton. Building on them will turn the town into a concrete wilderness. This will inevitably result in increasing mental stress among the existing inhabitants, but this point has been ignored by the planners. 4)There is an underlying assumption that Loughton can take more inhabitants. If the planners believe this, they must have an idea of what they regard as the maximum extra population that Loughton can absorb. What is it- an extra 10%, 50%, 100%? When the final plan is produced, I expect the planners to quote a figure at which Loughton will be full up. This will give the inhabitants of our town an idea of how realistic these proposals are. Yours faithfully John Duffield

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