

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

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Letter or Email Response:

Dear Sir or Madam, I am a resident of Loughton, living atRedacted.... and I am writing to strongly oppose of the plan to build over 1000 homes in Loughton. There are a number of green sites on the list of proposed sites, which if are turned in to houses will destroy most of the open aired space in Loughton. The town was designed with these green spaces in mind to provide space for its residents. To destroy it will change the feel of Loughton from the leafy town it is now and prevent the enjoyment of many of its residents. I use Jessel Green regularly for playing with my children. They love the playground & running about up & down the hill. It is a vital recreational space, needed for the health & wellbeing of Loughton's residents. The government advises exercising and spending time outside, children are advised to go outside & play but how can that happen when there are no outside areas for people to go to. Jessel green has been host to the roll up, bounce down and it's a knock up competition summer events for the last few years. My family and I have very much enjoyed these events as have the community of Loughton. Jessel Green is very much used by the community and to destroy it would be a huge blow to the community. The air ambulance has landed on Jessel Green on numerous times this year. Without large areas to land on, the air ambulance will not be able to land. With the average wait for an ambulance is currently 20 minutes and then it is an additional 40 minute journey to the hospital this could have life threatening effects. The plan to build over the car parks in Loughton which always seem full. I understand there is a plan for a multi story car park however, this will not be in keeping with the look of the town. Many of our infrastructure is already at capacity, • Princess Alexandra hospital has recently been put into special measures as they are already past the capacity with which they can cope. • The Central line is also already at capacity, as anyone who has to travel on it is well aware as are the car parks at Loughton & Debden stations. • The local schools are also oversubscribed. • Instead of increasing the bus routes, the 167 service is due to be stopped from passing through Debden. • The Loughton police station has been closed. • The Loughton Fire station now only has one engine. There seems to be no plans to increase the infrastructure to meet the demand of the people we have here already, let alone a increase of 1000 houses. In fact, in the cases of the 167 bus, fire & police stations, resources have been reduced. I understand that there is a nationwide need for housing, but the infrastructure needs to be there to support the new housing and this just doesn't seem like the case here and new housing should not be built to the detriment of the community and the feel of the area. A better plan would be to build new towns as other Essex districts are doing & building the infrastructure at the same time. Industrial brown land should also be prioritised for housing above any green areas. In conclusion, this plan is frankly ridiculous. The infrastructure just will not be able to cope with such an influx and the destruction of our green spaces will be irreplaceable. I urge you to reconsider. Kind regards,Redacted....

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