

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

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Letter or Email Response:

I am writing to register my concerns to the Epping Forest Draft Local Plan. To outline my concerns: 1. Loss of green open spaces Loughtons open spaces are an important part of the landscape and recreational facilities in the area and should be maintained - I feel very strongly that these are preserved for local residents to promote health and wellbeing that are suitable for all aspects of the community. They also support the balance of the environment. 2. Lack of facilities Currently facilities are under strain, particularly doctors which is already difficult to get appointments. Expanding housing without additional infrastructure is extremely worrying for local residents. Our local school (Whitebridge Junior School) is already expanding, to accommodate current school age children projections and this is without additional housing. 3. Overcrowding on trains As a regular commuter, I experience trains that are often already full to capacity with standing room only to Loughton at peak times and worry about the impact of additional residents in the area. We already have a number of commuters from surrounding villages and areas driving into Loughton for train travel into London and local roads are congested causing impact to local residents. The council have allowed this to continue implementing any measures to address this and increasing housing will only seek to exacerbate parking issues. 4. Landscape of town This is under threat with the erosion of green spaces and granting of planning permission to build unsuitable buildings. Loughton has a historic association with Epping Forest and character should be preserved. We have already seen increasingly large buildings and accommodation erected which is out of character with the surrounding area. We have lost historic trees and this is set to continue if this plan is to be delivered in its current form. I hope that my views will be taken into consideration in the evaluation of this plan.

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