

## 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 would like to comment on the Local Plan in respect of infrastructure. The plan says 5.4 Walking and Cycling Promote walking and cycling as a healthy and sustainable alternative to motorised transport, particularly for shorter journeys. A new Academy is currently being built to the North of Ongar and I think it is an opportunity to consider investing in cycle paths for the health and wellbeing of future generations. There is potential to provide cycle only paths linking the new Academy to the south end of Ongar (Marden Ash), High Ongar, and other villages. This would ease congestion on the already busy Ongar roads and provide an opportunity for Leisure Tourism in a town which now has a Heritage steam railway. There are footpaths throughout the Ongar area which could be joined up and upgraded to provide pleasant, environmentally friendly, cycle routes for people to travel to school, to the shops and to the Ongar Health Centre (opposite the Academy). It may even be possible to provide a cycle route alongside the Epping Ongar railway track so that commuters can cycle to Epping Station. Proper cycle paths would also give the option of walking in the winter months, when footpaths are often too muddy. I understand there is funding. 5.4.4 Funding Mechanisms There are a range of funding options available for cycling infrastructure, including Central Government, Essex County Council and from developer contributions. South East Local Enterprise Partnership or the Department for Transport Access Fund. In line with Government ambitions to increase per person cycling investment from £2.50 to £10 by 2020/21, Essex County Council seeks to increase the amount invested into encouraging cycling. Across the county, investment will initially be raised to £5 per person by 2017, and later increased to £10. Yours sincerely ... Redacted ...

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