

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

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Letter or Email Response:

I wish you to take note of these response not my online response. I found the online questionnaire too tricky and was unable to properly address my serious concerns. Qualification for responses: I have lived in the EFD for all my 59 years. I have been a Parish Councillor for 36 years. I attended most of the consultation events over previous 2 years. Area of response: I could comment on many areas but will generally restrict this response to the area with which i am most familiar - Epping. Epping objections: I disagree strongly with plans to remove Epping Sports Centre and build on the site. The present sports centre is in a sustainable position in the middle of the town. Hundreds of participants can, at present, walk to the centre. It is a much needed and much used facility. Sports centres mist not be removed without being replaced. If it is to be replaced it should be in a central place offering easy access - not on the periphery and certainly not as far away as North Weal which would involved many more car journeys and be out of the question for non-drivers. Ongar sports centre: Exactly the same criteria apply to Ongar Sports Centre. It should remain open. It will prove invaluable to the new Academy School growing beside it. I was a PE teacher for 9 years when the previous school, ONGar Comprehensive, was on this site. We had almost exclusive use of the swimming pool and fabulous sports centre. It was built that dual use purpose in mind. As a consequence, thousands of school children enjoyed fabulous sports facilities which was good for their health and wellbeing. Epping Tennis Club, Cricket and Bowls Ground: I disagree with any plans to remove these or strongly with plans to build on these lovely facilities. It would only be acceptable if the facilities would be replaced to at least their present standard on the other side of the road (or incorporated with St Johns School). EFDC Offices: I disagree with any plans to remove these or relocate anywhere else (such as North Weald). This building is really new and was very expensive to build. It is a lovely building for the staff to work in. It is in a great location since Epping is a pleasant town for staff to enjoy their lunch breaks. By offering staff a lovely town on their doorstep you can attract good quality staff. The present offices are in a sustainable position having good access to the Central Line and buses. If there is a great over supply of Council office space THEN it could be prudent to redvelop only a part of the space. Parking is a big issue at the present site so any redevelopment should create more parking spaces on site and or a scheme could exist for staff to use other car parks in town. Car parks: These should only be built upon if they are also going to be enlarged by perhaps excavating sown and also stacking up. Land very close to Epping Station: There is a large parcel of land which at present has not been selected for development. It is only yards away from the station. It also abutts the railway line. It is owned byb Theydon Trust and to my knowledge has been offered (albeit too late for the draft plan). To my knowledge it has access through the flats (I think called Theydon Bower) off Bower Hill or access could be gained through The Orchards (further fown Bower Hill) if this land (which is Gaynes Park) is also to be developed. Other site in Epping: Otherwise I am fairly happy with all the sites

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selected and suggested for house building. Hoping you will give serious thought to all of the above and keep me informed of your decisions.