

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

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Letter or Email Response:

Dear Mr Philip I write further to my response to the Draft Local Plan forwarded to you yesterday, copy attached. On 7th Dec. 2016 you are publically quoted in EverythingEppingForest.co.uk :- 1."Clearly the (Roding Garden Village) site will be assessed along with all the other proposed sites before the next stage" and 2."The site was not put forward until well after the Draft Plan was being reviewed prior to publication". I note there was no mention or reference to this site at your Cabinet Meeting on 6th October 2016 and that the first Public knowledge of this option was revealed in Everythingeppingforest.co.uk on Wed. 7th Dec. (five days before the close of the Public Consultation period). The vast majority of the Public still have no knowledge of this possible option. If EFDC knew about this possibility prior to the commencement of the Public Consultation on 31.10.16, then it should have made all efforts to inform the Public. Keeping it hidden until revealed on a local information website more than five weeks into the process is a "strategic error" which may well breach your statutory obligations. I first became aware of this possible option three days ago, which leaves an impossible time frame in which to respond meaningfully. Furthermore my information indicates you knew of this possible "Roding Garden Village" option well before your Cabinet Meeting on 6th October. If this is confirmed, it would in my opinion render the Public Consultation unsound. I reiterate my request to: 1.Provide me with the exact date you became aware of the possible Roding Garden Village option, and 2.Extend the Consultation Period for 28 days in order that the Public may consider this new information, which you should publicise and explain as soon as possible. I wish to reserve the right to comment further on this matter beyond 5.00pm tomorrow, 12th Dec. I will pursue all available avenues to ensure the Public have a fair and meaningful opportunity for input into decisions concerning the future of Loughton. It is an essential and paramount principle that the Public have an opportunity to respond, knowing all the evidential material and full facts. John Pierce

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