



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 have seen the proposed draft local plan for the development in the EFDC area and wish to express my objections, particularly with regard to Loughton and Debden. I have lived in Loughton for over forty years and the Loughton I live in today is very different to the Loughton I moved to all those years ago. If the proposed development in its present form is carried out then the still relatively green and open Loughton and Debden of today will be lost forever and will become an overcrowded, depressing sprawl with an infrastructure completely overwhelmed by its over population. The roads are already full, parking is at a premium, local services and amenities are already stretched and TFL's Central Line can surely deal with no more passengers. The plan which concerns me is development of the two station car parks and Traps Hill car park, I note that it is planned to keep a car park option in one form or another, but any multi storey development on these sites will be totally out of keeping with the existing surrounding low rise properties and can only be another nail in the coffin of the town of Loughton. What arrangement will there be for new residents to park their vehicles? As far as I can see we will be changing one set of problems for another. I was a resident of Loughton when the plans were made to amalgamate the three schools to form one large school because of falling rolls. A new school then had to be build to accommodate the rise in the number of children. Is there anyone still at the council who is accountable? I do think that the draft plans will lead us to the same end.... I have seen buildings going up in this area and have been dismayed at how the Council views in regard to 'in keeping with the area 'are vastly different to mine. As an example the new building where the Winston Churchill Public House stood. 'In keeping with the area', I don't think so. If that is a vision of the future of Loughton and Debden, I despair! What arrangements are in hand to explore the redevelopment of any existing unused Brownfield sites? What arrangements are in hand to expand the road system, infrastructure and other local amenities of the Loughton area? All of this should surely come before any further residential development takes place. It is my understanding that many local authorities are exploring the possibility of new developments away from existing residential areas, but this is an avenue that EFDC has not gone down. Why? I would like to see the Roding Garden Village fully explored before any decisions are made. I look forward to hearing from you.

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