

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

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Letter or Email Response:

RE: Draft Plan for 11,400 new homes across the district. Having only recently been brought to my attention the large scale plan, for 11,400 new homes to be built across the district I felt I had to write to voice my objections to such a large scale plan, that I feel has not been thoroughly advertised, thus not giving the local people time to consider the full impact on the area and time to raise their concerns with the planning committee and local councilors. Many local people I have spoken to have not received any information either letter or leaflet about this proposed plan, which will lead to the mindful destruction of the very few remaining green pockets left in Laughton. If this level of building work is allowed to go ahead, Laughton and the surround areas will be swallowed up has an extension of London's sprawling mass. Here we are today in Laughton where you can wait six weeks for a doctor's appointment, the local hospitals are at breaking point, you can drive around the hospital car for an hour just to find a parking space. The local schools both primary and secondary are oversubscribed, with little chance of expansion being that the council sold off parts of there playing fields years ago. The traffic is at a grid lock already, what will it be like with the extra added planed retail area, with large delivery lorries and once built, how long before these retail units close, with on line shopping being proven daily as the future of retail. Also rents being high in central London, I can see the new homes going to inner London residents, when inner London councils will be happy to pay the lower rents for their resident s to live in these border areas, with our own young people being forced to move out even further. Surely a better plan would be to find an area, such as Ongar, where the transport link is already there and only needs up dating. The majority of the homes could be built in one area, keeping the building cost lower and making a new community and where schools and doctors clinics can be added. I hope my views will be considered and that more consultation time and awareness is given before such major plans are given the go ahead. Yours sincerely

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