

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

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Letter or Email Response:

Dear Sir/Madam As a Loughton resident and a father [...Redacted...], please find below, my feedback to the draft proposals. I wholeheartedly agree with the Loughton Residents' Association's concerns over the loss of recreational and open space, and the loss of the character and open, green environment of the town. I totally understand that the local authority is obligated to provide a large number of new homes, but I am very concerned about the plans to build on so much public space. As the LRA suggests, there is a lot of brownfield space not being fully used in the Langston Road area, and any areas like this must be looked at first before considering large-scale construction on our precious greens and playing fields. Understandably, land already under council control is cheaper to build on, but this is what has happened in other areas on the fringes of London, such as what now constitutes boroughs like Redbridge and Havering. Much of those boroughs was once like Loughton but over intensive development has altered them irrevocably. I do not want to totally give in to nimbyism but I urge the council to err on the side of caution before committing to building on so much of our green space. I would ask the council to please re-investigate the possibility of greater development on brownfield sites and look at the concept of garden villages, as other local authorities are, spreading the construction over a wider area, rather than high-rise, out-of-keeping housing. We are currently applying for a school place in the town [...Redacted...] and it seems the current schools are already oversubscribed. Whatever plans are ultimately approved, this issue will be exacerbated and must be addressed with the county council. Finally, as a commuter into London, I see daily that the Epping branch of the Central line is already stretched to absolute capacity at peak times. Expanding the town, as proposed, will surely mean lobbying TfL for an improved service, with inevitably even greater numbers commuting between Loughton and London. TfL has claimed for many years that it runs as many Epping trains as it does Hainault loop trains, but from many years of commuting into London by tube, it is clear that the Epping branch has much greater demand. Please feel free to contact me, but I would like to politely ask that none of my details be passed to third parties for marketing etc. Kind regards [...Redacted...]

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