

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

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Letter or Email Response:

Dear Sirs, I am writing in response to the Draft Local Plan with specific reference to Chapter 5 paragraph 5.200 and the associated Plan on page 178 as it refers to the possible employment site on Nash Hall Farm, High Ongar. I wish to point out, in the strongest possible terms, that such a development would be entirely inappropriate on the following grounds:- ENVIRONMENT The area in question is one of exceptional beauty which is enjoyed by large numbers of ramblers and dog walkers. This entirely unnecessary development will have a major impact on these people's enjoyment of the countryside. The proposed development would change the whole character and be a blight on the lives of its residents and those who visit the area. It is completely unjustifiable to enrich the owners of Nash Hall Farm at the expense of residents of this quiet village. TRAFFIC The roads from the A414 around the junction with The Street and Mill Lane become extremely congested between the hours of 8.30am - 9.15am due to the large number of parents dropping off children to High Ongar Primary School. The congestion and associated danger to road users will be increased by any increase in traffic associated with the proposed development. It should be borne in mind that as an employment site the traffic associated with this development will increase most at the time when the congestion is at its worst. The Street is already used as a "rat run" by commuters leaving the A414 on route to Stondon Massey, Kelvedon Hatch and Brentwood. Any increase in traffic will be greatly to the detriment of the residents of The Street. Other sections of the Plan outline other potential employment sites, for example the wholesale development of North Weald Airfield. Surely this alone would be more than sufficient for the needs of Epping Forest district. Yours faithfully,
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