

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

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Letter or Email Response:

I wish to object to draft local plan for the local area for the following reasons: 1 - Respect Loughton's character - keep new developments in keeping with the character of their surroundings - this means keeping Loughton open, and not building higher than the existing buildings (most of Loughton's housing is one- or two-storeys high). 2 - No urban intensification of our town please - an out-of-town garden village would be a better alternative than cramming more buildings into Loughton, which is already too crowded with many roads & services under stress. 3 - No building on Loughton's public urban open spaces please - the green spaces are our parks, badly needed for recreation and the physical & mental health of large numbers of residents; they are needed more than rural Green Belt miles away from residents. The Debden greens should be designated as "District Open Land". 4 - Not enough infrastructure delivery - the District Council does not control these critical aspects and has no power to increase the capacity of roads, schools or doctors to cope with the proposed new homes. 5 - Central Line has no more capacity - for years a very overcrowded service at times when people must use it. This town has a lot of commuters - to add more will worsen travelling stress and degrade residents' health & quality of life.

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