

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 had sight of 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 whole plan is ill thought out and a potential disaster for Loughton and Debden. The loss of many of Loughton's green public spaces will have an enormous negative effect on the area as a whole and in particular the residents whose properties currently are close to these areas. Over the years my wife and I have enjoyed walking in Loughton's open spaces and although we take less exercise now than we used to it is still important to us to know that this option will still be open to us in years to come. With regard to the 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? 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? Loughton and Debden are full! EFDC must know that. If ever there was a case of 'back to the drawing board' this must surely be it. I look forward to hearing from you. Yours faithfullyRedacted....

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