

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

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Letter or Email Response:

I object to the degree of urbanisation involved in the current draft plan. It seems to me that the draft plan has taken the idea of occasional urban infill and turned it into a strategy, which is not appropriate for Loughton. Loughton currently retains its character as an Essex town with fresh air, green spaces and a density of population and building giving it a quite different feel from more urbanised areas such as Ilford or Walthamstow. This should not be compromised. The plan, in my view, should seek to provide additional two storey infill housing in non-public areas where this will not affect the open feel of Loughton. Other housing needs should be met by creating other settlements or expanding existing ones where the quality of life of existing inhabitants will not be adversely affected. This may involve expanding villages in Essex whose economies and transport links would benefit accordingly. I would urge all involved to take this more strategic forward looking approach and to embrace any opportunities it provides for the creation and improvement of rural and suburban transport links and infrastructure.

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