

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

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### Letter or Email Response:

Our comments on the local plan are as follows: 1. Recreational space is very important and must remain so especially if there is an increase of housing in the district. The whole nature of the area is semi-rural and should remain so. 2. The increase of housing brings with it increased motor traffic, a need for more public transport and will result in further overcrowding on the central line that is already experiencing problems. All change has consequences. 3. Currently EFDC's approach to vehicular traffic parking is very noticeably insufficient. A case in point is the housing development above the Sainsbury store on the high road adjacent to the Esso garage. Access to the parking places is often obstructed by commercial vehicles servicing the Sainsbury store and the fuel trucks accessing the garage site. For the twelve dwellings each has one parking space and one additional space. So for any visitor the probability of a parking space is somewhat unlikely. 4. The loss of the major car park in Trap's Hill and a potential underground car park is not a solution. Parking provision needs to increase not just be replaced. Many streets in Epping Forest are jammed with parked cars as there is no alternative provision. We note the matter of parking is not mentioned in your local plan. Housing requires parking provision that meets the needs of the residents. 5. Housing density needs appropriate parking provisions. The nature of the housing should ensure that they are affordable. It would be grossly negligent if large and expensive housing was built given the pressure across the country for affordable housing. Tall housing blocks by their very nature need sufficient open space for children and adults. A car park cannot seriously be counted as an open space as it brings with it dangers by its very nature. 6. Any increase in housing creates demand for additional facilities. Pressure on school places, hospital expansion may be required. 7. The proposed development of Lucton's field is a serious mistake. Plans are available for community usage. The breaking of the covenant on the land is a disgraceful act. Given that there will be an increase in the population it is inevitable that pressure will surface for extension of the college to meet the needs of the new students that will inevitably come.

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