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Re: Epping Forest District Council, Draft Local Plan:

For the attention of the Planning Inspector:

The Town Council does not wish to comment on either the legal compliance of the Plan or the duty to co-operate. However the attached raises questions on the 'soundness' of the Plan. The site selections combined with a zero / reduced parking provision and lack of road infrastructure is not justified and does not represent the most appropriate strategy when other areas in the District are better related to transport improvements such as the proposed M11 junction 7 to facilitate movement and ease congestion. The reliance on the Central Line for transport needs for people in Epping is not justified and the Plan lacks any effective strategies for residents' other travel needs. Reliance on walking and cycling is not justified and risks the effective deliverability of the proposals. The intensification of the 'South Epping' proposal in particular will require appropriate parking, transport and infrastructure provisions to make this development effective, deliverable and an acceptable strategic approach, justifying the loss of green belt in this area.

Yours faithfully

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Town Clerk
Epping Town Council