

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

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Letter or Email Response:

Dear Sir, We wish to object to those parts of the Draft Local Plan for Loughton relating to the increase of around 1200 new homes: 1. that do not respect Loughton's suburban character of currently two storied dwellings of detached, semi detached or terraced housing. Any new housing should blend into the current street scenes. 2. that intensify the urbanisation of our town, by squeezing more buildings into an already crowded Loughton, with many of its roads and services under considerable stress. 3. that promote the building of dwellings on Loughton's public urban open spaces. Our residents need these to aid their physical and mental health. These "green spaces" are our parks, as the nearby Epping Forest is unable to provide a suitable environment for open air games, such as football, cricket, running or kite flying. 4. that would require a huge infrastructure delivery, which the District Council does not have the ability to control, or the power to increase the capacity of roads (currently at almost 100% usage), schools (currently over-subscribed), doctors (currently at breaking point, with patients waiting over a month for routine appointments) and hospitals (non existent within the District)! We also have on-going problems with the Victorian water supply pipes bursting across the town causing constant mayhem to road traffic and flooding to homes. We also suspect that the sewage provision is also reaching maximum capacity - an even more frightening aspect! It is no good saying that "infrastructure follows the planning" as we require many of these aspects NOW, long before any additional homes are provided. 5. that affect the capacity of the Central Line for commuters to Central London, as this is already almost at full capacity during the peak time of the day. In the future, additional "customers" from Epping, Theydon Bois and, of course, Debden would often mean "no room from Loughton Town"!!! The current provision is already causing stress and hardship to Loughton residents, while any further capacity pressure would seriously affect their health and quality of life. 6. that degrade the provision of public parking near our shops at Traps Hill and railway stations at Loughton and Debden. We hope that you will take on board the points we have made above and modify your proposals accordingly. With thanks,Redacted....

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