

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

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Letter or Email Response:

I must object in the strongest possible terms to the proposed developments for extra housing within the Loughton area. The proposals for dwelling numbers are totally out of keeping with the rest of Loughton. The areas suggested for development are totally inappropriate, they are the last remaining green spaces within the area, used for ball games by children, dog walking and give Loughton its open feel. With these lost the area will change in character and become an ugly unattractive place to live. We have already had to suffer the large monstrosity of the flats built by Higgins group replacing the Winston Churchill pub and with more buildings built in the same vein it seems there is no concern for the quality of life for existing residents. Any new housing within the area should be proportionate and sympathetic, the proposals are neither. Car parking is a major problem on local roads and people travelling in to commute from Loughton and Debden stations cause obstruction and congestion within the area this will only be compounded by the new proposals. There seems to be no thought to local infrastructure that is already at breaking point. The local sports centre is already too small for the existing population. Schools are bursting at the seams and doctors surgeries are struggling to cope. Local bus routes are being cut due to lack of funding which will cause more traffic as people have to revert back to driving. On top of all this it seems the district council would like to compound the problems by attacking our last remaining green spaces and turning Loughton into another urban sprawl. Loughton will lose its unique character under these proposals and with the over development will come the associated problems, traffic congestion, more crowding on a failing tube train system and crime. Alternatives must be looked at. Surrounding towns must take a greater share of the required development. The idea of new garden villages must be re-visited. Simply looking at a map of Loughton, finding green spaces and then trying to fit as many dwellings into that space as you can is not a sustainable well thought out plan for a thriving community, it is however a recipe for a disillusioned, frustrated local population that have nowhere for their children to play or any open spaces to simply breathe!

Regards

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