

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

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Letter or Email Response:

Dear Sir or Madam, I am writing this letter to voice my dissatisfaction with the recently announced Draft Local Plan for the Debden estate area. Having lived in the Debden area since the age of six and having remained in the local area since getting married, over the years I have seen many of our local green spaces disappear, for example: Fairmead playing fields and part of Willingale allotments to accommodate new housing and schools and the field where Davenant School now resides. Please note from above that: A very large proportion of the green space in Debden is private i.e. schools, farmland etc. Your proposals to take further green spaces land away from this area means a further lack of places for the local community to get together for events, enjoy a pleasant green area for picnics during the summer season and the loss of areas where I and other people can exercise for the benefit of our health and wellbeing. Unlike most areas throughout London we are not gifted with parks for our recreation - these greens; Jessel Green, Rochford Green etc are our local parks!! It would never be seen as a viable option to build upon parkland within London or elsewhere, so why is it considered acceptable to build upon our local green areas. These green areas are where our local children can go to develop, express themselves, and keep healthy in safety. Sadly, as you will appreciate, playing around local streets in this day and age is not a safe alternative. These green areas, trees etc, are an aid to keeping air pollution under control also. Lack of areas for drainage of rainwater could also present a problem if these green areas are built upon. More localised pollution and further problems with parking in the local vicinity would surely escalate due to many more vehicles being used in the local area. Having gone to the local exhibition at Lopping Hall in Loughton and having asked questions of two ladies employed by Epping Forest Council, it became apparent and to mine and my husband's disgust that these two ladies were residing in London and would certainly not have had any of these present Essex issues at the forefront of their concerns. I asked these ladies about plans for local infrastructure improvements to go hand-in-hand with the proposed local building plans and was told that the finite information regarding this would not be available for at least another year. When further querying infrastructure plans I was directed to a booklet (laid flat on a staging area and not readily visible I might add) titled "Infrastructure Delivery Plan", but I was told that this is still only a draft proposal. Why can badly utilised industrial brownfield land not be taken and built on first (such as the Clinton Cards site and rundown parts of Langston Road etc). We are having major difficulty to see our local GP's now, with the present levels of local population, so surely increasing the numbers within the local population is only going to further exacerbate this issue. Although all I keep hearing is "no" to this suggestion, why is the notion of a Garden Village said to be off-the-table? I understand that several other areas also believe this option to be the best option, so please give this your consideration. Finally, I have to add, that due to the many ugly (one being the blot on the landscape where the Winston Churchill once stood) recent developments that have already been allowed to take place by EFDC in

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the Debden and Loughton areas, trust in EFDC was already low -local people having seen what is now proposed in the Draft Local Plan, our trust in EFDC taking due care of the people & areas under its jurisdiction is at an all-time low.
Yours Faithfully Mrs Caroline Whiting & Mr Terence Whiting