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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a resident of [Redacted] and I am writing to express my opinion on the local plan that affects us as the residents.

From what I understand, there will be approximately 450 new homes built on the area just south of Allnutts Road. We assume that each home is likely to have at least one car. Allowing for some households which won't have a car, and some households which because they may have two teenage children may have several cars, we are estimating that there will be between 400 and 1300 extra cars all potentially fighting to get out of Epping and back to Epping at commuting times. When our daughter was at school in Harlow it used to take us almost 15 minutes some to drive the one and a bit miles from Allnutts Road to the traffic lights at The Plain, to enable us to go forward on the B1393 towards Harlow. How much longer will this take with so many extra cars, I wonder, and could you please tell me what are the plans to facilitate the flow of traffic at The Plain when the houses are built?

Originally, a vehicular bridge was intended to be put in place to ease the huge amount of extra traffic from the new house occupants. We understand that this bridge idea has been removed and heard that the massive cost of it was instrumental in the earlier housing plans being shelved. We would be horrified if it's removal from this current plan was because of these financial reasons, with finance unethically being put before regard to safety and benefit for the residents. I would like to have a clearer idea of why the bridge has now been scrapped and would appreciate your explanation as an urgent case.

Under the earlier proposals we understood that extra community and healthcare facilities would be put in place. We hear that these plans are vague and I identified, and wonder what the new plans actually are, as currently our doctors, dentists and schools are all overcrowded to bursting point and my own membership of [Redacted] more or less prohibits me from ever seeing a doctor at a time that suits me because they are drastically oversubscribed and frequently tell me so when I try to make an appointment.

We walk our dog in the fields opposite Brook Road, in the absence of any nearer green fields, and wonder where you suggest we should do so if the area where we walk the dog is going to be new houses. We as a nation are supposed to be planting trees, not cutting them down, and even the Queen's celebrations next year are highlighting that to the whole country - Epping is not excluded from Her Majesty's requests, and should pay heed. We are supposed to be retaining hedgerows, not cutting them back, so I am wondering, with climate change and everything that building new houses will entail, is it actually sensible for us to not do our bit for the environment and to get rid of such green areas and build more concrete buildings in their place?

We are proud to be part of Epping Forest and rejoice in its beauty. We moved here because it was a perfectly sized small town. However, increasing the south side of Epping by 450 houses would catapult us, in [Redacted], into what in effect will be the centre of town - and town will not be the little village it is but it will be a larger urban sprawl.

I am not sure that the Epping painted in your new picture would be the Epping that I would now choose to live in. We have no desire to live in a massive urban sprawl. We bought our home so that we could live in a small town near a train station and a mile from a high road. Adding 450 houses to

the south of us does not seem very appealing as we all already struggle to fight for parking spaces in the High Road when we want to support our local shops.

Could you let me know what your High Road parking plans are, to accommodate the addition of up to 1300 extra cars helping the new residents to all get their shoes re-heeled, buy plugs in House to Home, or use Barclays Bank et cetera - and find somewhere to park? The current lack of parking for High Road shops is already detrimental to us residents a mile away using the shops and since the new restrictions in Kendal Avenue have come into force I am not able to use the High Road as I did before - I take more than an hour to have a coffee in Costas and I take more than an hour to pop into Superdrug and the bank, so the new one hour parking restriction does not make life easier, it makes it impossible to use the shops in the same way as benefitted the residents before.

On the subject of green spaces, we need more not fewer, and I wonder if all the relevant Climate Change advisors have been consulted in your plan to remove green spaces and build brick houses and flats? Removing greenery is not what the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England and other sensible and ethical conservation societies are advising.

I am all for change, but it has to be change for the better and so far I cannot see changes for the better as far as the residents of Epping are concerned.

I look forward to your reply but in the first instance request your formal acknowledgement of this email as it will form a legal part of the consultation procedure.

Best wishes,

Judith Handford
[Redacted]