

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

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Letter or Email Response:

I am sending this e-mail to give my views on the council's proposal to build 1,190 new residential properties in the Loughton area. I believe that the local public resources in Loughton are already stretched and that the additional properties being proposed will only push these resources to breaking point with increases to GP waiting times and increases in school class sizes for example. The increase in residents will also increase the amount of pollution in the local area. We already have high levels of car congestion, especially around Rectory Lane during the rush hour and Willingale Road (which contains 5 Schools) during the school run. The greens that you propose to take away from the community are essential for the wellbeing of the local residents. I have grown up playing on the greens and have seen the community brought together in recent local events in a time where the sense of community unity and spirit has been lost. I urge Epping Forest Council to look into building a new garden city away from the Loughton area with its own local public resources to deal with the demand for more housing which is the alternative solution being proposed by several other districts in Essex County Council. I also suggest that the council looks at the neighbourhood plan being proposed by Cornwall Council which includes a clause restricting new housing for full time residents. I believe that this could be the way forward as this would reduce the amount of second homes in the area and help people born and raised in the area to be able to live there. I myself am 36 years of age and have been working since I left school at 18 years of age and am still not able to afford a place of my own with the constant increase in house prices.

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