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FAO: Inspector of Local Plans

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to express my objections to the proposed development at the bottom of Station Road near Bridge Hill / Coopersale Hall school.

My concerns are as follows:

Additional residents (MM78) - Medical Assistance: Currently access to health care within Epping is far from adequate, with lengthy delays for doctors appointments and medical assistance, an additional 450 homes to the current system would be extremely detrimental to an already inadequate system. As a patient of the [...redacted...] I can confirm that it is near impossible to get an appointment within a timely manner.

Road infrastructure: The road infrastructure around Bridge Hill and Ivy Chimneys Road is extremely busy. There are far too many cars already using this route. As a parent of two children who have attended our local primary school and who has walked from our home address via Bridge Hill / Ivy Chimneys Road most days for the past 7 years I can confirm that the route is very unsafe. My particular area of concern is the bridge, the pavement is extremely narrow and with the reoccurring pot holes and damage to the road surface it's a very unpleasant part of our journey. Whilst walking my children to school on numerous occasions we have witnessed a level of road rage from angry drivers struggling to get past the school. The addition of 450 more households using the infrastructure in my opinion is extremely dangerous and problematic. For children walking to and from school the lack of any crossing assistance (i.e. Zebra Crossing) and the more recent lack of the lollipop lady has resulted in the corner of Centre Drive / Ivy Chimneys Road makes the route dangerous even at its current level. The speed that the cars drive up and down the road is despicable. With the additional of all of the new residents this situation will get significantly worse.

Green Spaces (MM24 / MM53) We need more green spaces in and around developments to ease the pressure on the forest, the car parks for the forest are consistently full and I am genuinely concerned for the air pollution. What are the proposed green spaces?

In terms of schooling, I would be amazed if there was adequate spaces within the existing local schools. The catchment for the primary schools are already extremely small, Ivy Chimneys is over-subscribed already, when my daughter joined the school a few years ago the catchment did not even reach as far as Flux Lane.

Much of the content of the plans is extremely vague! I would be interested to hear more information regarding the total number of flats / houses / social housing? There appears to be a disproportionate number of houses proposed for South Epping in comparison to other areas such as Theydon Bois?

I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

Mrs Laura Barker
[Redacted]