



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

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Letter or Email Response:

How can you possibly consider housing in Church Lane when there has been flooding there in the past. As you must be aware, all of North Weald's waste water empties into the Cripsey brook which runs parallel to and to the East of Church Lane. You must also be aware of the width of the brook, about three feet. To dispose of the extra waste water the proposed increase of North Weald's housing stock will create will mean enlarging the brook. Will this lead to flooding in Morton, Ongar and Abridge? John Prescott's East of England Regional Plan included mass housing on the airfield, an investigation at the time concluded that this was not viable as water disposal via Cripsey Brook was impractical. The only possible solution was to construct a water course that did not connect to the river Roding. The cost of such a water course was so high that the project was abandoned. What has changed since then? Nothing, any large scale building will result in a flood risk to North Weald, Morton, Ongar and places further downstream of the Roding. North Weald High Road is a very busy road and it is not unusual for traffic to be queued from the traffic lights at Palmers Hill, Epping to the Coopersale junction. The building of over 1500 homes means at least 1500 extra cars, as the majority of residents are commuters they will use their own transport to get to work as there is no practical alternative. The car park at Epping tube station is not large enough at the moment and is often full by 7.30am, despite costing £6 per day. The local school is too small at this moment in time, will St John's secondary school be able to cope with these extra children. Before you consider building more housing and putting a struggling infrastructure under more pressure, why not fix the present problems and shortfalls within the infrastructure. When that has been addressed then you can consider increasing the number of houses without detriment to the present inhabitants.

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