

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

Stakeholder ID	4428	Name	G	Quatremain
----------------	------	------	---	------------

Method	Email
--------	-------

Date	12/12/2016
------	------------

This document has been created using information from the Council's database of responses to the Draft Local Plan Consultation 2016. Some elements of the full response such as formatting and images may not appear accurately. Should you wish to review the original response, please contact the Planning Policy team: ldfconsult@eppingforestdc.gov.uk

Letter or Email Response:

DRAFT LOCAL PLAN CONSUTATION Epping and Coopersale Dear Sirs 11-12-16 I understand that the area in and around Epping has to have some new houses built, but 1700 houses are far beyond sustainability and my objections are as follow. Traffic & Parking (a possible 2,000-3,000 further cars) Epping now has an enormous problem with traffic. The High Street has extremely slow moving traffic all day, every day which becomes impossible during rush hour. It is THE main access running north/south through the area and there is no alternative way round. The narrow country lanes running around the town are overused and dangerous at present with no pavement for walkers and not enough public transport for outlying areas, which means cars have to be used to access the town. Parking is inadequate now and a further possible 2,000-3,000 cars (1-2 per household) are not being catered for in these plans. On Thursday 24th November at around 11am, I came into the town to pick up a prescription and some groceries, drove into the car park behind M&S and then the one in Bakers Lane, and then the one at Tescos, and simply could not find a space. There were at least 6 cars standing waiting for spaces, and in the end I gave up and went home. This is becoming commonplace. Looking at the extremely confusing plan, it seems that you are planning to do away with existing parking areas which will compound the problem enormously. People come from far afield to enjoy Epping with its beautiful High Street, shopping and market. We need to provide ease of use for them to continue to do so and allow Epping's stores businesses and restaurants to flourish. Epping Station People who come to use the underground have no adequate parking and end up leaving their cars as far away as Stonnards Hill and Brook Road, both of which cause problems. Brook Road has now become a single lane road with cars dodging each other to get through. You seem to be planning to build on the small existing carpark at the station. The station is used by commuters and travellers from as far away as Harlow, North Weald and Ongar and is extremely overcrowded at present with passengers having to stand most of their journey. Green Belt Land The Green Belt is an incredibly important part of our Countryside and has been the only thing that has kept London from encroaching further and further out. If this land begins to be released for building, it will be just the start of a horrifying loss of our 'green and pleasant land'. It will lead to creeping and sprawling cement fields as bit by bit it is grabbed by developers. Fields that have been used for farming and crops for centuries should be preserved with pride. There are plenty of pieces of brown land that could be beautified by change of use to residential, before we loose are farmlands. Ivy Chimneys & Brook Lane There is no information as to how it is proposed to enter and exit these areas, when it is almost impossible to drive down these roads now without stopping and starting to get around cars trying to get through the narrow roads. It would be most dangerous for the school there to have hundreds more cars and people navigating the area. Sports facilities. From your map it looks as though you are planning to take away every sporting facility in the area. With an influx of thousands more people, what recreation and exercise facilities are you going to provide? Doctors & Hospitals There are not enough medical facilities at present to

Response to the Draft Local Plan Consultation 2016 (Regulation 18)

Stakeholder ID	4428	Name	G	Quatremain
----------------	------	------	---	------------

cope with the area population, are you planning to provide more? Crime Rate The crime rate in the area is rising at present as we do not have enough police to deal adequately with incidents and this is causing distress amongst the existing population. With an influx of thousands more, the rate will rise drastically without an increased presence of law enforcement - which in turn will give rise to fear and resentment. Please give these objections your further serious consideration before changing Epping for the worse for ever. yours faithfully Gaye Quatremain