

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

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### Letter or Email Response:

This is my personal response to object to the plans for the additional homes to be in North Weald. Firstly, North Weald Bassett is a village and it is unacceptable that over 24% of the proposed housing allocation outlined in the draft plan is proposed for this village. This equates to a 78% increase in the number of dwellings proposed in our village, as currently the number of dwellings is approximately 2,014. Any new developments should be of appropriate scale and density to continue to reflect North Weald as a village, the number of sites should be reduced and loss of greenbelt land should therefore be minimised. My house currently looks over fields and the airfield, if the price of my house goes down as a result of looking out onto a housing estate, who is going to compensate me? I live in ...Redacted... and previously we have had the Environmental Heath people out to see us, due to the house at the end of our garden flooding. The house in question is ...Redacted... and it's garden floods regularly as this area is the run off for the field that you are proposing building the houses on. So the plans need to clearly take flooding into consideration and appropriate sewerage needs putting in place, otherwise the houses in ...Redacted... will experience more flooding. There is a natural stream that runs along the back of Oak Piece gardens and if the sewerage is not suitable then all the gardens will be affected. Development in the North Weald Bassett Parish cannot be considered fully and realistically as the infrastructure report referred to in the Local Plan highlights many problems that are currently being suffered by residents and does not provide any solution. These problems such as traffic, commuter problems, policing, bus service, hospitals, mental health, doctor surgeries affect many residents adversely and there are no planned infrastructure investment or solutions confirmed to rectify these. North Weald Airfield has historical importance and should be out of bounds for development, otherwise slowly, slowly bits of the airfield will continue to be developed on. Blenheim Square has only just recently been build, if more development goes on then a president will be set and piece by piece it will be taken away. The airfield is an important part of North Weald and Epping Forest and it should be out of bounds. There are many other areas that have no significant importance such as Church Langley, Harlow etc. Traffic is already becoming an issue within North Weald and Epping. I live in North Weald and work in Thornwood, this journey should take 5 minutes, but regularly it can take 20mins, if there is ever a problem on the M25, or M11 then the traffic along the A414 is unbelievable, so if you add into that another 1500 homes, that will be somewhere in the region of 2000 additional cars. On the point of transport how is Epping underground station supposed to cope with the additional commuters? The carpark at the station and the access for the buses is already oversubscribed, it is nothing short of chaos at rush hours in the morning and evening. So transport needs to be improved dramatically, much more reliable bus services, bigger car park at Epping station or the opening of the line between North Weald and Epping for commuters. The Limes doctors surgery will need some significant improvements in terms of the capacity to handle the additional patients, currently it is extremely difficult to get an appointment, you only need to read some recent

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Facebook accounts of how hard it is to see a doctor. So it needs expanding with more doctors, nurses and receptionists. Currently my children **...Redacted...** in year 2 and one in year 5, have to share classes with other years as the school could not accommodate the amount of children that were currently there. The school has just been expanded this year and can now accommodate the children. So to double the size of the village would require another school the same size again. Unless the points about flooding, traffic, doctors and schools are planned out and funds budgeted for addressing these issues, then the proposal is not viable and I object fully. I suggest that to accommodate the additional housing needs, that another Harlow, Stevenage, Welling Garden City is built. A new town that can take all the housing requirements that will not affect small villages. With these plans you are affecting thousands of people, when a new town in the middle of nowhere doesn't need to affect many people at all. Rethink your plans!!