

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

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Letter or Email Response:

Local Plan -question 2 There are already many thousands of dwellings planned by Harlow DC. This along with junction 7a will seriously impact locally. To add more housing on EFDC land just the other side of the M11 is overdevelopment. The Green Belt needs to be maintained to stop Harlow expanding into a giant Conurbation, swallowing up Sheering. The release of the Green Belt in the vicinity is totally unreasonable. It was always EFDC's policy to keep Sheering separate from Harlow, has this changed? If overall only 1% of the EF District's green belt is to be released, Sheering is being allocated a very large percentage, far more than the average. And therefore unreasonable Local Plan -question 3 The area will be totally unrecognisable. Sheering and Lower Sheering will be adversely affected by junction 7a, is this not enough? Even more development is too much! Our school is already full, traffic is a major problem, it is very difficult to get a doctor's appointment -we do not have a surgery in the village. What about the impact on our water, drainage etc? We have not seen any improved facilities for many years. There is very limited public transport available, footpaths in The Street are very narrow for pedestrians and will need upgrading. We simply cannot accommodate this many more people. Local Plan -question 4 Local shopping should be encouraged, along with the provision of parking. This will provide jobs and promote community. Public transport must be available to all.....including outlying villages to use these new shopping areas. Local Plan Sheering -question 6 -Sheering needs to remain separate from Harlow. There are already thousands of homes in the pipeline. -The greenbelt needs to be protected -For such a small village relative to other areas in EFDC the building of 120 homes is a very large percentage -This will increase the population from around 700 to maybe up to 1000, 30% increase! -Expansion of Harlow will swallow up Sheering, leading to a giant Conurbation . -Harlow North should be pursued more? -EFDC has always sought to keep Sheering separate from Harlow, has this changed? -Lower Sheering has already seen a lot of building -Green settlements must be protected and the green character of the area maintained -Traffic volumes are already very high and a big problem, it will get worse -Will our public services, of which there are very few, be able to cope? -Sheering is being subjected to alteration of the green belt on both the west, north and east of the settlement -Will Sheering still be an attractive place to live? SPECIFIC TO LAND ADJ-M11 MOTORWAY -SR0073 -71 homes were stated in the 2012 document -Why has this been increased to 89? -Will this figure go up again? -The area serves to protect wildlife. Various animals use this area including deer, herons, variety of other birds, foxes, badgers, where will they go? -There is a pond shown on the map which is habitat for 3 types of newts including Great Crested. This pond will need a full ecological survey and if appropriate a mitigation strategy be compiled, before permission is granted. Wildlife habitat must be protected. -The greensward will need to be protected (and the green landscape at the entrance to the village) from urban sprawl -Hedgerows, trees and field boundaries must be protected.....will this happen if the development takes place? -The Street is already very busy with traffic-more houses will only make matters worse

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