

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

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Letter or Email Response:

I am taking the time out of another busy day to express my frustrations at the fact you are even considering such an increase in the local population. I strongly oppose these plans as we are already bursting at the seams. Our health centres can't cope, our schools can't cope, our roads can't cope, our public transports services can't cope, our emergency services can't cope and if you as our local government approve such a crippling plan it would be further clarification to me of the fact that you can't cope with the responsibility you have been given. Over population may well bump GDP up and in this case boost the local economy, but that, as we have seen over the past decade or two on a national and international level, does not go hand in hand with an increase in individual wealth or quality of life. Only yesterday I idiotically attempted to drive to Pets At Home Waltham Abbey - only to find that the car park was complete gridlock. My girlfriend got out the car, visited 2 shops and came out again before I was able to find a space. There were people stealing spaces of others who had patiently waited, everyone was stressed and arguing amongst each other - it was absolute pandemonium. Over population causes inflation, crime, stress and poverty. This is a plan we simply can't afford to go ahead with - if we do, I will certainly be looking to move further out before Loughton becomes another Walthamstow. This is/was a green and peaceful area. To many residents the forest is a sacred place and we have no intention of losing our parks and fields to accommodate unlimited immigration (which is effectively what has caused this mess). I urge you to divert your attention from artificial economic data and focus on the facts; we simply don't have the room or the infrastructure. It is in the areas best interests to reject these plans. If there is any mail list I could be added to for updates relating to this, I would appreciate it if you could do so.

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