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To whom it may concern,

As a resident of [Redacted] in Epping I am very concerned about the suggested plans for modification in South Epping Reference MM78.

In particular:

As someone who has already lost a beloved pet on [Redacted] due to the uncontrolled traffic that does not respect speed limits, I am especially concerned about the fact no measures have been put in place to ease the additional congestion that will inevitably occur or control traffic.

Originally, a vehicular bridge was included in the plans, which would ease congestion. In the current Main Modifications consultation, this has been removed. This is an absolute requirement. The existing roads are narrow, bendy and congested and cannot cope with the current traffic. South Epping must have the necessary infrastructure to cope with additional traffic. This is particularly so for emergency, delivery/waste disposal/operational vehicles.

As every resident in South Epping will confirm, our existing GPs are struggling to meet the needs of our community. The current proposals say that 'appropriate' community and healthcare facilities must be provided. A GP/health hub is an absolute must at South Epping, particularly given the site's location at the bottom of a steep hill, away from the current healthcare providers.

The same applies to schools. Our children's classes are already too big. The current proposals say that a new school must be provided. Ivy Chimneys is already at capacity. A new, additional school is an absolute must for this site.

I am also incredibly worried about how the plans are going to affect our environment when already we are seeing the effects of climate breakdown and urbanisation in the flooding we have been witnessing in our capital over the recent months.

The necessary green Infrastructure must be provided to support not only the South Epping development but also Epping Forest.

If South Epping does not get the necessary infrastructure, this will put additional pressure on the whole Town and Parish in terms of oversubscribed doctors, dentists, school places, road congestion and air pollution.

Re. ref MM28

Housing: must be a mixture of types, not just flats.

Re. ref MM24 and MM53

Our Green Spaces must be protected. We need more green spaces in and around developments to ease pressure on the Forest.

Re. reference MM55

Historical assets: must be protected by independent professional reports and assessments, not appraised by developers.

I look forward to your response on how you are planning to address the above concerns.

Kind Regards,

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