

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

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## Letter or Email Response:

We are Loughton residents of 30 years standing We object strongly to the proposed development plans for Loughton. Building on recreational open spaces (such as Jessel Green and Rochford Green) will be detrimental to peoples' physical and mental health. These spaces were designed for residents' recreation and enjoyment, when the Debden estate was built after the war. There is already underused industrial brown field land which should be utilised first e.g. the Clinton Card site and other run down parts around Langston Road. Loughton has been and is a pleasant place to live because of its leafy suburban environment. However your suggested urban intensification would destroy that. Much of the Green Belt is not accessible to the public (farm land) so all the accessible open spaces are valuable and are used. Squeezing a lot of new housing and its attendant increased transport needs will create infrastructure problems well beyond increased traffic jams. Schools and Social Services already work at capacity and will need new expensive additions. We live in ....Redacted.... which is typical of many of the streets in the area. It is already congested and I do not believe that currently would be accessible always to ambulance and fire services. Increased traffic and parking from proposals (such as Loughton Station car park development) would make it impossible. We wish to know why there are no proposals in the draft plan for a new Garden Village as other Essex districts plan? The area around Langston Road and the adjacent areas would seem suitable for mixed housing, shops and schools. It would also boost trade for Debden Broadway businesses. Having elected District Councillors to represent us we feel that this draft plan is not what we believe that they should be considering on our behalf. We do not believe that the Council has a mandate from its electors to proceed in this way.

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