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**The Assistant Director (Governance),  
Epping Forest District Council – Civic Offices,  
323 High Street,  
Epping. Essex.  
CM16 4BZ.**

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DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Dear Sir,

**Epping Sports Centre**

My wife and I moved to Epping in 1964. Our three (now adult) children were born and brought up here. We lived in houses in [REDACTED] and, now, [REDACTED] (acquired recently before my wife passed away in 2015). I did not work in Epping but when I retired in 1986 I became conscious of the need to keep fit – and on an increasing number of occasions to help my needs in coping with ageing problems. I am an active Sports Centre Member.

I have been advised that as part of the Epping Forest District Council's Local Plan the present Epping Sports Centre in Hemnall Street has been listed for Development – 43 homes to be built on the site.

The existing Centre is well located. There are many organised sessions for young and old to enjoy. Many (such as me) can no longer travel by cycle or car, do not own a car or are too young to be able to visit any new site on the outer parts of Epping without adult supervision.

My personal view, and that of many others I have spoken to, is that a Sports Centre, like the existing one, should remain in Epping located in the centre where everyone (young and old) can get to it easily and safely. Access of members should not require the use of car/cycle or dangerous walks.

Furthermore the thoughts of 43 homes in place of the existing Centre (and presumably EFDC offices) with the needs for parking and recreation space does not seem likely to benefit the existing long established roads on either side of the present Centre.

I hope a more sensible decision will be taken of the future.

Yours faithfully,



A.M. Gammage