

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

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### Letter or Email Response:

I am writing to voice my concern about the proposals to further build and increase housing density in Loughton. We all understand that additional affordable housing is needed. It seems sensible to build on brownfield spaces or to create a new garden town/village towards North Weald rather than build on green spaces around the town. Loughton is an historic town and i hope any developments will be in keeping with the character. I am concerned that proposals for Trapps Hill library/leisure centre carpark will mean the loss of the Loughton Youth Club Space - already I regularly hear of people complaining that local youths have nowhere to go. Removing this option would only add to this. The library is also a space used by children after school and the elderly. I realise perhaps that increased Internet use has led to a reduction in borrowing books but libraries should be protected for our future generations. I'd like the plan to look at other options for our young people such as more play spaces and facilities such as toilets on Roding Rec. What parking provisions will be made for these new developments? The local schools are all at capacity with no plans or space to expand. (Staples Road/Roding Valley can't support this increase in numbers and lack building space to build any further) The land next to the Epping Forest College was meant to be the space for new schools and things like a doctors surgery these need to be built first as no where else to put them. Currently it regularly impossible to get a doctors appointment in Loughton leading to people visiting A&E and walk in clinics in Harlow. This would make a bad situation worse. It was disappointing to see our town feature in a recent Daily Mirror article highlighting the demise of the High Street. What plans are there to protect the character of this area which is currently full of barbers, coffee shops and nail bars? What are you doing to control rents here and encourage retailers back? The central line is at capacity it is hard to get a seat normally and often at peak times the trains are already full, your proposals to build on the car parks will make this worse. As will increase the number of households using the service on the central line here and further out. We seem to be facing a reduced bus service too. What is happening to support our local leisure centre? This needs investment and parking needs to be kept here to encourage local people to use this and visit the already declining local shops. Will the local sewerage and water systems cope with the added load, from more houses in Loughton. Schools and Dr's already can't cope. ....Redacted....

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