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

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Letter or Email Response:

The Comments Below are confined to the District of Loughton only The draft scheme's intention to build 1,190 houses in Loughton seems to be totally inappropriate. I think we all accept that there has to be progress and we have a responsibility to build more houses to accommodate an increase in the population but surely we have to have to look at the broader picture and the welfare of those already living in Loughton. In addition to the loss of open spaces, which are so appreciated by current residents and a reason so many chose to live here, the main concern is the infrastructure. The Plan says it is important but it appears to say nothing about how it will be improved to accommodate all the extra people. How will you cope with the extra traffic (there is already grid lock in places at lot of the time) even if there are places in the schools, it will be difficult to get there with increased number of cars on the roads. What about doctors, dentists and hospital facilities? The water supply, drains and sewage pipes will also have an increased load to accommodate. How are commuters not near stations going to get to work by train if you take away station car parks (they already park and block up roads within reach of stations)? You want to protect Loughton Shopping Centre but where will the shoppers park with no facility in Traps Hill? This would also affect the Leisure Centre. We sincerely hope that we will have answers to how these questions will be resolved before even initiating the building of some additional houses let alone 1,190. We wish to express our very serious concerns at the location and numbers of houses you propose to build. In our opinion, if the draft Plan as it stands is implemented, it will make Loughton a built-up traffic loaded town which people will not find a nice environment in which to live. We have enjoyed living in Loughton for many years and are concerned that our town will be spoiled if the current plans are implemented. We appreciate how much work has gone into this very comprehensive report but hope that local residents' concerned will be considered in the final plan.