

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

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### Letter or Email Response:

Dear Sirs, Epping Forest District Draft Local Plan I am writing to express my concern regarding the nature and extent of the proposals contained in the above Plan, particularly as they affect the Thornwood and North Weald areas and their links with Epping. The numbers of new homes proposed is excessive and disproportionate to the size of the existing level of occupation of these villages, and would adversely affect their essential character, as well as worsening the situation regarding services in the district.

**Roads/Travel** There is already unacceptable pressure on the local road network, with frequent traffic jams on the 8181 and 81393 through North Weald, Thornwood and the approaches to Epping which the addition of the thousands more cars which the proposed housing would generate would escalate to unimaginable levels. This would cause even greater problems than already exist with parking in both the centre of Epping and at the Station.

**Utility Services** There are already problems with flooding, water supply pressure, and electricity power cuts in the area which would be aggravated by the proposed massive addition to the number of homes.

**Medical facilities** The local hospital is already in "special measures" due to lack of staff and the increased demand on their services resulting from changing demographics. Additionally, local GP provision is struggling to keep pace with demand - e.g. it now takes three to four weeks to obtain an appointment at the Limes Medical Centre!!

**Education** Local schools, like those in all surrounding areas, are struggling to recruit staff. There is little or nothing in the draft plan which attempts to explain how the above problems will be addressed, which surely should be the first thing to be established before embarking on such an exercise as this. Please regard this letter as a response to consultation under the Draft Local Plan. Development of the site would represent the loss of a leisure facility, reducing the area's facilities while increasing the number of homes.

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