

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

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1. The proposal for Limes Farm Estate will impact on the recreational amenities for both people living on the estate and also for those people who live in the surrounding area who regularly come onto the estate to walk their dog, etc. . The green areas selected in the draft plan are used by residents for walking, jogging, cycling in addition to picnics, dog walking and training, cycling, ball games etc. This is at a time when the Government are always encouraging everyone to take regular exercise and eat healthily. Not everyone can afford the luxury of attending a gym (particularly, I would think, many of the residents on Limes Farm) so use green outside space for recreation. 2. There is already too much traffic congestion on Fencepiece Road / Manor Road, particularly at the junction with Limes Avenue. This has been further exacerbated recently due to the opening of the Lidl store on Fencepiece Road as people from outside the area come to shop. This has impacted on the people living on the estate. There is also significant congestion during the school 'rush hour' and when the local synagogue/nursery are in use. A further 200 homes would yet again cause more, ever increasing congestion. 3. If the proposed development of 200 homes goes ahead, the resultant increase in traffic will have a significant impact on the air quality / pollution in this area affecting all residents whether living on Limes Farm or the neighbouring area. 4. Lowering the quality of life of those people already living on Limes Farm Estate will not solve the existing problems. As we do not appear, outwardly, to have much police presence, this further reduction of recreational areas could also lead to an increase in anti-social behaviour. 5. London Underground is already at full capacity and has difficulty coping with the ever increasing number of passengers. 200 homes will further exacerbate the numbers using the Central Line at Grange Hill and Hainault Stations.

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