

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

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(Quotations from the Govt site: Planningguidance.communities.gov.uk) 1. Loughton has a distinctive character which is being eroded - no further increase in housing density should be considered. There has been much infilling and loss of significant and characteristic buildings. "Planning should seek to promote local character". 2. Loughton's Centre, it's recreational and cultural heart (set on the hillside above the High Rd, containing the Library, Leisure Centre, Cricket Pitch, Bowling Green, Playground and Catholic Church) has an open aspect, with lovely views across the valley towards the Forest and Conservation Area. "Views into and out of sites should be carefully considered from the start of the design process". NO housing should be built here. Pedestrians walk through to the High Rd, parents and children, Library and Leisure Centre users. There are pleasant trees and planting. Underground car parks are NOT safe places: "Planning should promote security measures". 3. Debden/Loughton's green spaces are vital for the community and must be preserved. They should NOT be built on. Why do they not enjoy the same protection as Village Greens? "Planning should promote a network of green spaces". "Providing space for residents to meet, relax and play". 4. The Council CANNOT improve infrastructure. It is not within their power. ALL services are under pressure: education, transport, health, police, utilities etc. Further pressures will create further stresses on Community Cohesion. Concern has locally already been clearly demonstrated politically. Local people do not feel that their views are being listened to, or considered. "Planning should promote Cohesive Neighbourhoods". NO! To further development in Loughton.

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