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Part A

Making representation as Political representative

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Part B

REPRESENTATION

To which part of the Pre Submission Epping Forest District Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph: 3.2 It is important to consider, as set out in national planning guidance, the housing needs of different sectors within the community. This is to ensure that the right size and type of new homes is provided across the District to meet the needs of existing and future residents and to ensure the creation of mixed and balanced communities.

Policy: H 1 Housing mix and accommodation types

Policies Map: No

Site Reference: None of the above

Settlement:

Do you consider this part of the Pre Submission Local Plan to be:

Legally compliant: Don't Know

Sound: No

If no, then which of the soundness test(s) does it fail? Effective

Complies with the duty to co-operate? Don't Know

Please give details either of why you consider the Submission Version of the Local Plan is not legally compliant, is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate; or of why the Submission Version of the Local Plan is legally compliant, is sound or complies with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. Please use this box to set out your comments.

This section and the following section H2 make many welcome references to affordable housing but there is no mention of social and/or council housing. At the time of writing 1,359 people are on the Housing Register. The register has strict eligibility requirements - the true social housing deficit will be much higher.

Per a recent Freedom of Information request Epping Forest District Council currently spends approximately £35,000 per month on temporary accommodation, further highlighting the urgent need for social housing.

Precarious housing has an impact on physical and mental health, education, employment and community cohesion, all of which have a short, medium and long term financial impact, in addition to the housing benefit costs associated with private rented accommodation.

Paragraph 3.2 states, 'It is important to consider, as set out in national planning guidance, the housing needs of different sectors within the community.'

In order to fulfil this, and reduce costs, we need social housing to be the first priority for any planning applications.

Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Pre Submission Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified in the question above (Positively prepared/Justified/ Effective/ Consistent with National Policy) where this relates to soundness. You will need to say why this change will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

Insert in Policy H1 Housing Mix and Accommodation Types a new item B, stating,

B. Planning applications for socially rented and council housing will be prioritised and encouraged. Any other applications will be suspended for a period of three months while social housing applications are sought. If at the end of that three month period no socially rented or council housing applications have been received the planning process will resume as normal. This policy will remain in place until [to be discussed].

If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

No, I do not wish to participate at oral examination

If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

Please let us know if you wish to be notified when the Epping Forest District Local Plan is submitted for independent examination

Yes

Signature: Dave Plummer Date: 29/01/2018