

## Epping Forest District Council

### Personal Details:

Name:

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Organisation Name

### Comment text:

I object to the proposed boundary changes as it will reduce the representation of the rural wards on Epping Forest Council, leaving us even more vulnerable to being out voted by councillors from the more developed wards. We already suffer from district wide systems and proposals that are inappropriate for rural villages, but are pushed through by the councillors representing urban wards. Last month a planning application for a major development in Ongar was finally defeated after local councillors were able to show it contravened the recently introduced local plan. This was against the wishes of many of the urban councillors who were quite happy to foist it on us as it meant they could show they were meeting housing targets and it wasn't causing controversy in their wards. I have been involved in campaigning against inappropriate proposals for rural areas since the 1980s and EFDC has not changed its spots all that time so anything that reduces our ability to fight off anything that councillors think they can get away with (because there aren't enough of us to object) is to be resisted at every turn.

### Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded