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**From:** Mike Sparrow <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 21 September 2023 15:08  
**To:** localplanconsultations  
**Subject:** planning for additional housing in Chingford

Dear sirs

I should first like to complain about the lack of 'Notice' given to local residents. Although I'm sure you've at some stage advised Chingford residents, I find these small notifications lacking in bridging the gap between politicians and residents. Older people for example don't really get the news from council about these big decisions, and so on behalf of them I would like to complain about your process of consultation and would first be obliged if you could provide me with the details of the local council ombudsman to whom I can direct my complaint.

Second, I do object most strongly to your revised building plans for chingford. I understand that this Borough is ahead of building homes targets set by Gov't and therefore I do not see the need to ram home your additional targets to residents in a so obviously more rural setting than other parts of this Borough. Why on earth would you wish to build high-rises in Chingford? It's crazy to try to do this in such a community. We don't have tube train stations, we don't have such a population that would be happy in high-rises. So, are you bringing people into the borough that wouldn't normally come here. And for what purpose? It is the job of Gov't to address the housing needs, not for some political party in this borough to push an agenda. If your party in power here wishes to support the Chingford residents, then you would have listened at the last 'Local Plan' responses you received. It was so very clear from that, that the majority of people in this area are opposed to your planning and building plans. Further, your plans seem to make out that people don't need cars anymore. In fact with the building of so many road humps in this area, it is clear that your council has an agenda to stop people using their cars. However, this should not be the rules for how, or how not new homes are built. People still have a right to drive, but your flats etc have little or no parking. You should build underground car parking underneath any new hi-rises. And these high-rises shouldn't be any higher than three stories. there is only one very old building in chingford that has about 10 stories. These massive builds that you propose will look awful next to Epping Forest -- this should be an area of conservation, not over-population. I also do not believe the Charter of Epping Forest will allow your new builds so close to it. I wonder if you have checked that? And if you were to add one more building to this area, where on earth are the services to support it? Are we getting a new secondary school, or a new local hospital? Will you improve the victorian sewers and pipes round here to accomodate the increase in waste. Where on earth are people going to go for a community event, when you have closed down so many of our previous sites and what of sports facilities - where on earth can a load of new people go and exercise, play badminton, tennis with so many extra people being crammed into this Forest-side small town. Your proposals are awful and should be thrown out immediately.

I await details of the Ombudsman please to allow me to complain about your way of advising many of our local residents.

rgds  
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