

LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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High-rise housing at Loughton & Debden stations?

TfL has proposed building high-rise blocks at these stations (see here). This is part of a general move by TfL to develop the car-park sites it owns and even, it is rumoured, to remove car-parking from its stations.

The proposals have been made as part of the submissions to the Planning Inspector who is examining the District Council's draft Local Plan to determine whether or not it is "sound".

TfL's applications are highly speculative! The Council has included the development of the station carparks in the draft Plan, but for far fewer properties than TfL are suggesting (and with the same number of car-parking spaces as at present). Even if the Council's proposals go through, TfL would still have to put in planning applications for their tower blocks, which the LRA Plans Group would oppose. Given the way the Plan is drafted, we would expect anyway the Council to turn down the applications.

Loughton Town Council, LRA and residents have also put in various submissions to the Inspector on the proposed amount of building in Loughton (see here), and will be speaking at a hearing on June 11th. LRA is suggesting that the number of dwellings proposed by the Council is far too high for Loughton, and would be in breach of European law. The Inspector may ask the Council to make changes to the Plan or (very unlikely) she might throw it out completely. In any event, it will be some months before she publishes a report on her findings.





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