

Ms Mary Mott

The Local Plan for Epping currently identifies the Epping Sports Centre site for housing and does not identify a replacement facility within Epping. In response to this, in 2018 a group of Epping Sports Centre Members raised a petition to Epping Forest District Council to retain a Sports Centre within the boundary of Epping Town. Approximately 1,800 local residents signed this petition. A representation against the Local Plan was then presented to the council.

Subsequently council policy has changed and there is now a proposal to replace Epping Sports Centre with a new Leisure Centre on the St John's road site. Therefore we think that the Local Plan for Epping should be changed to reflect this policy and a statement regarding the siting of a new Leisure Centre located in Epping should be added in the Epping section of the Local Plan.