

## Epping Forest District Council Representations to the Draft Local Plan Consultation 2016 (Regulation 18)

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Method Survey

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### Survey Response:

1. Do you agree with the overall vision that the Draft Plan sets out for Epping Forest District?

**Strongly disagree**

Please explain your choice in Question 1:

The plan is to build all these homes in an area which is already water-short, restricting the new homes to 30% less water than the National minimum recommendation. 51000 homes in this area is equivalent to a new Parliamentary constituency. Will adjustments be made to cover this problem, altering all the surrounding constituencies? It is planned to build on the local Underground Station car parks. What will happen to all those wishing to park and travel to work, during and after the construction period? The Plan includes the closure of Sports Centres and swimming pools. This can only be a disastrous move with the present levels of obesity.

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2. Do you agree with the overall vision that the Draft Plan sets out for Epping Forest District?

**Strongly disagree**

Please explain your choice in Question 2:

The area is already over-populated for the present provision of roads, water, sewage and schools. There is no plan to alleviate these problems, merely a recommendation that the developers should carry this out if necessary, which, of course, will not happen.

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3. Do you agree with the proposals for development around Harlow?

**Strongly disagree**

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

Car Parks in the towns of Epping, Loughton and Waltham Abbey are planned to be utilised for building land. This will result in less parking in these towns, instead of extra to cater for all the new householders. Because of this, the shopping areas will be denied the present level of customers.

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4. Do you agree with the proposed shopping area in...

Epping?

**No**

Buckhurst Hill?

**No opinion**

Loughton Broadway?

**No**

Chipping Ongar?

**No opinion**

Loughton High Road?

**No**

Waltham Abbey?

**No**

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

What planning is therefor customers to gain access to these proposed shopping centres? Much of the present parking, already over-used, is planned to be converted to building land.

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5. Do you agree with the proposals for new employment development?

**No opinion**

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

**Not investigated, nor have I got time. If I do not know, I cannot voice an opinion.**

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6. Do you agree with the proposed sites in your area?

Epping (Draft Policy P 1):

No

Please provide reasons for your view on Epping:

Plans to build on the Underground Rail car park with no planned associated parking will be disastrous. Similarly the destruction of the Sports Centre at a time when lack of fitness is rife, is not in the interest of the electorate. I note that it is also planned to build over St Margaret's Hospital. Is the Harlow Hospital capable of covering the present and new populations? what happens if there is an outbreak of some contagion, like

Legionnaire's Disease at Princess Alexandra's? What fall-back will there be? Will the schools be capable of accepting all the new pupils?

Loughton (Draft Policy P 2)

No

Please provide reasons for your view on Loughton:

The Loughton Library car park is one of the building sites, which will result in the loss of the library and swimming pool, as there will be no access. Sports fields are being built on, as well as amenity spaces, leaving minimal areas for relaxation. Will the schools be capable of accepting all the new pupils?

Waltham Abbey (Draft Policy P 3)

No

Please provide reasons for your view on Waltham Abbey:

A community centre is being built over, despite claims that these would be sacrosanct. car parks are being built on, leaving minimal parking for access to the shops. Will the schools be capable of accepting all the new pupils?

Chipping Ongar (Draft Policy P 4)

No opinion

Please provide reasons for your view on Chipping Ongar:

Buckhurst Hill (Draft Policy P 5)

No opinion

Please provide reasons for your view on Buckhurst Hill:

North Weald Bassett (Draft Policy P 6)

No

Please provide reasons for your view on North Weald Bassett:

There is no mention of extra water facilities, sewage or schools for the thousands of extra inhabitants.

Chigwell (Draft Policy P 7)

No opinion

Please provide reasons for your view on North Weald Bassett:

Theydon Bois (Draft Policy P 8)

No opinion

Please provide reasons for your view on Theydon Bois:

Roydon (Draft Policy P 9)

No opinion

Please provide reasons for your view on Roydon:

Nazeing (Draft Policy P 10)

No

Please provide reasons for your view on Nazeing:

The sewage system has already broken down once this year, with no plans to upgrade for the 220 houses plus 5 Travellers' sites. Is there sufficient water available, with no plans to upgrade? Where will all the extra

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children go to school, or are there plans to extend the present area schools? Why is green belt land being used, when there are brown field sites available?

Thornwood (Draft Policy P 11)

**No opinion**

Please provide reasons for your view on Thornwood:

Coopersale, Fyfield, High Ongar, Lower Sheering, Moreton, Sewardstonbury, Sheering, Stapleford Abbots (Draft Policy P 12)

**No opinion**

Please provide reasons for your view on Coopersale, Fyfield, High Ongar, Lower Sheering, Moreton, Sewardstonbury, Sheering, Stapleford Abbots:

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7. Do you agree with the approach to infrastructure provision being proposed in the plan?

**Strongly disagree**

Please explain your choice in Question 7:

D1. Delivery of Infrastructure - only to be carried forward if infrastructure is viable, yet it is admitted in the Plans that water is insufficient for National recommendations. Will the Council turn round and say no, or will it just be forced through, regardless? D2. Essential Services and Facilities - this tells us the issue, but not what MUST be done, only what the Council hopes will be done. The local schools will struggle to accept all these extra children. Health - it is acknowledged that Care will need to be increased, yet the only move seems to be to build over St Margaret's Hospital. D3. Utilities - no plans for government to provide the necessary upgrades, with developers allegedly expected to carry out anything required. D4. Community, Leisure and Culture Facilities - the necessity acknowledged, yet Community Centres, sports Centres and Swimming Pools will be built on, as will sports fields and amenity spaces. The Library and Swimming Pool at Loughton, I am informed (but not by the Plans) will remain, but, without the associated parking spaces, will struggle to remain open.

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8. An Interim Sustainability Appraisal has been commissioned to support the Draft Local Plan. We would welcome any comments you may have on this.

This seems to be wall-papering over cracks, merely nominal consultation of the electorate. This impression is created by the responses gained on questioning Council, where they claimed that not all these plans will be consummated, yet they seem to be on-going, no matter what the response. The consultation information states that Community Centres are so important, yet a very necessary one in Waltham Abbey is being built on. The paper further states that all the suggested sites have to be built on, as there are no alternate sites, despite the admission that the new homes will have to be restricted on the amount of water they can use, down by 30% of the National recommended levels. Surely with that restriction, most of these homes should not be built in this area, but in another part of Britain where the Utilities are available, moving the work rather than dumping the employees.

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9. Do you wish to comment on any other policies in the Draft Local Plan?

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