

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?

Agree

Please explain your choice in Question 1:

The summary of key issues to be addressed shows a sensible and forward looking programme which takes into account housing needs FOR ALL which I consider to be important.

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

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 2:

Land used for sporting activities such as Epping Sports Club in Lower Bury Lane and Epping Sports Centre should not be used for housing. The Sports Club land has been in use for 150 years, and still provides health and well-being across the community and age range. Also local access is narrow, which would could considerable problems in construction, and also near an entrance to St. John's School which is regularly used by a large number of students. The Sports Centre in Hemnall Street is widely used and, though small, would be much missed if the land it is on was used for housing.

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

Agree

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

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

Epping?

Yes

Buckhurst Hill?

No opinion

Loughton Broadway?

No opinion

Chipping Ongar?

No opinion

Loughton High Road?

No opinion

Waltham Abbey?

No opinion

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

I am puzzled by proposals to give up parking areas for development. Surely that defeats the objective of bringing people to the shopping areas?

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

Agree

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

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:

See above comments on Sports areas in Epping.

Loughton (Draft Policy P 2)

No opinion

Please provide reasons for your view on Loughton:

Waltham Abbey (Draft Policy P 3)

No opinion

Please provide reasons for your view on Waltham Abbey:

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 opinion

Please provide reasons for your view on North Weald Bassett:

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 opinion

Please provide reasons for your view on Nazeing:

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)

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No opinion

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

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

Agree

Please explain your choice in Question 7:

There can be no major development without provision of appropriate infrastructure, but I notice that your draft policy D1 says that 'infrastructure and services required as a consequence of delivery and provision for their maintenance....will be sought from developers.' Surely Essex County Council would be responsible for provision for the main infrastructure requirements in conjunction with other service providers. Have ECC agreed in principle to finance these requirements?

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

See above. Also - medical services and educational centres are vital to any further development. There MUST be guarantees for these before any enlargement of the population.

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

Pleased to see that the areas of the Forest and Lee Valley Park are earmarked for protection. As we have these superb local amenities, existing green belt areas could be judiciously used for small housing developments and small employment areas. Given that there is a huge demand for affordable housing and social housing, adjustments to the green belt will have to be made in my view. But all development must be matched with the schools, doctors' surgeries and hospital provision to meet the extra needs of an increased population. I cannot so far find reference to these provisions in the plan as described in Chapter 3. Also, mention is made of the employment links with London, Harlow and further afield. Yet it appears that car parking at stations and town centres could be lost to development, surely an unwise suggestion.
