

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

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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:

I am strongly against the fact that the local plan fails to protect the green belt and that green belt could be lost as boundaries are carelessly moved for development purposes.

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:

I do not feel that where to place these homes has been clearly thought through and there is very little clear information as to why the choices that have been proposed are suitable. There seems no justification to build on the green belt. I also feel that adding 360 homes to Theydon Bois would be greatly detrimental to the Character of the village and place a huge strain on already limited infrastructure such as schools, central line, doctors (we only have a part-time satellite surgery). I feel development should take place around areas where there is already a strong supporting infrastructure and local facilities.

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

Strongly disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

I feel development around towns is more suitable as I've stated above, but see that many of the proposed sites in Harlow are again Green Belt. I strongly disagree with building on important, protected land like Green belt. It was put in place to be a permanent fixture to enhance the lives of residence and support local wildlife.

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

Epping?

Yes

Buckhurst Hill?

No opinion

Loughton Broadway?

Yes

Chipping Ongar?

No opinion

Loughton High Road?

No opinion

Waltham Abbey?

Yes

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

I agree that increased shopping facilities will enhance towns and bring custom. However, this must be done in a way that also increases footfall to already existing shops, and does not draw people to out of town sites. The proposal of the development of empty buildings/space on St John's Road Epping feels very appropriate as it will envelop other facilities already in Epping such as the Library, Civic Offices, and The Box.

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

Strongly disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

No not where these plans include building on Green Belt.

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

Epping (Draft Policy P 1):

No opinion

Please provide reasons for your view on 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

Please provide reasons for your view on Theydon Bois:

The 4 sites that propose the building on and therefore loss of Green Belt land will greatly and detrimentally impact the character, feeling and rural aspects of Theydon Bois. Using this land will undermine exactly why it was first introduced, to provide open, permanent green spaces for the local communities. also 360 homes is almost a 25 percent increase in the size of the Village, which would change it Village Character and put a huge strain on already stretched resources. I understand that the school is at near capacity. We have lost the Nursery on Coppice Hill with no replacement facility. Bus services that serve the village are infrequent and the routes limited. In addition, as a resident I have experienced frequent powercuts since my 6 years in the village and often found it impossible to see a doctor at The Thrifts Mead Limes Surgery, having to travel to Epping to be seen (as a car owner this is not so difficult, but I am aware of a large elderly population in the village).

Also, the landowners of those areas of Green Belt have often pushed for development of these sites and are clearly only interested in financial reward regardless of the impact on the village, wildlife and environment.

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)

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?

Strongly disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 7:

There does not appear any specific detail regarding infrastructure development. It is too vague and does not address individual developments.

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

All Green Belt areas in the district should be maintained. Need for housing is not enough reason to destroy this precious resource and damage the environment and local wildlife. Local infrastructure is not adequate to support the high number of houses proposed for the district. In particular the road infrastructure, much of which is narrow lanes through the forest for instance is already very busy at peak times, and the central line is becoming increasingly busy and overcrowded as many from outlying areas use Epping Town and Theydon as 'station' car parks. Please note the increase in parking in and around Theydon station which is now spreading up The Abridge road (This narrows a very fast road, with no street lights and is very dangerous in dark hours). Increased development in the area will only increase such dangerous parking and further overcrowd the Central Line to dangerous levels. Theydon Bois residence are already reliant on larger towns to supply facilities, such as librarys, doctors, dentists, shopping facilities, secondary schools, leisure facilities. More housing in Theydon Bois will therefore increase journeys around the district putting further strain on limited bus services and increasing traffic through out the area.

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