

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:

Building on Powell Road will not rote the the Green Belt Community life will not be enhanced by taking away our small local shops which are vital to many of our older residents. The Laundrette at Lower Queens Road is always very busy as is the Off Licence who have just laid out a fortune creating a new Cafe which I know will be very well used. The Bike Shop was originally owned by the current proprietors Grandfather and to make the Grandson relocate would probably mean loss of his business. There are three adults in no 8, my Partner My daughter and myself we all work extremely hard and the disruption and stress caused by these changes would be beyond words. I moved here about 15 years ago having lived at Norway House for about 5 months with my three children. I cannot see how any plans to demolish flats, re-build shops etc would be of any benefit to the local community and residents.

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:

Buckhurst Hill already has a high concentration of housing including new blocks of flats. The plans to build in the car park at the bottom of Queens Road plus the demolition and rebuilding of existing and already scarce social housing in Lower Queens Road would in our view be very detrimental to our community. Firstly and most importantly we already struggle with drainage problems etc the current utilities would not cope with any added homes. Next I would like to know exactly how the existing roads and limited parking would be adequate and safe enough to cope with building contractors and large vehicles during construction then parking for all residents, shop owners and Customers. This increase in traffic would in my view be a serious accident waiting to happen! Have you not taken into consideration the School at the bottom of Lower Queens Road? There is only one way in and out of that Road. Small children and very heavy traffic are a deadly mix!

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We don't need more shops in Lower Queens Road we have everything we need right now. Right here! I have been led to believe these homes would not be Council Homes either. The three of us at No 8 are not high earners and are already concerned about the New Pay to Stay plan for next year. How much more would we be asked to pay with the new Private housing as a comparison locally? We cannot move we have no savings we just make ends meet!

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

Strongly agree

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

There is more space for new housing, schools and amenities there is an ever growing industrial and commercial aspect plus access to the larger motorways. Building here would create new communities instead of breaking up already well-established ones which have in place their own support networks and trusted community members.

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

Epping?

No opinion

Buckhurst Hill?

No

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 only want to make the strongest possible objection to any more development of Buckhurst Hill the roads only just cope with current traffic and parking we don't need any more shops we live by the Central Line we can shop wherever we like!

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

Strongly disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

Again I don't see where you intend to squeeze in business expansion when the utilities won't even cope with new housing. This won't provide work for local people it will bring in outsiders a fair percentage of whom will bring cars with them. The only winners with this scheme would be the Council or Government collecting more rates and taxes, parking fines etc. Just take a look at the local roads during rush hour, one accident or a couple of Road works and the whole lot gets gridlocked as far back as Waltham Abbey! I cannot see what advantage any more business premises would be to a largely older population such as in Buckhurst Hill.

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

Please provide reasons for your view on Buckhurst Hill:

We don't need more housing we need improvements to what exists already. The drainage and Utilities struggle to cope now without added users. We live on a flood plain and a Green belt area which should and must be protected more concrete and tarmac more run-off insufficient drainage will led to excessive flooding. Somewhere near Powell Road there used to be an underground stream running down from the high road known as the dirty ditch in its day I'm sure there are other flows which if built over or diverted would cause many new and expensive problems. The local Schools can only just accommodate our local children will they be expected to travel miles to and from school each day adding to the already congested and gridlocked roads? Buckhurst Hill is part of Essex and Epping Forest NOT Greater London! More housing is a must but get real Buckhurst Hill is full find somewhere that has the space to evolve and to continue to grow. A new community

with its own School Doctors Surgery Shops etc. Finally I want to know where the money is coming from for all this work when the Council cannot even afford to give me a new bathroom and toilet!

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)

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:

If Essex County Council had not got rid of so many of our Local schools in the first place we would not be needing to build new schools now! As I say Buckhurst Hill is full up. We don't have room for any more and we don't want any more disruption.

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

If you want to keep this area Sustainable then Leave it alone I have lived in Loughton and Buckhurst Hill since I was 2 (nearly 60 now) and because of the dense traffic, street rubbish, drains that can't cope the air quality has definitely fallen especially in the last few years. Also you must consider the extra noise and light pollution caused by extra traffic and housing. The nature reserve is a much treasured Green space the river used to have many fish and we used to see quite a few Kingfishers, again this is suffering through pollution and so-called conservation carried out many years ago. I only hope we can bring it back to somewhere near its condition when I was in my youth. I suggest if the money is burning a hole in your pockets you spend it wisely in building a new town and community out in Harlow where you have enough room to push through whatever you think is best. If you carry out the proposals planned for Buckhurst Hill you will end up destroying Buckhurst Hill!

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