

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:

Population densities will reduce quality of life. A better solution would be a new town with its own infrastructure. Building on car parks, & Debden's green open spaces grossly & offensively defies public opinion.

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:

Your own technical information confirms that the transport/road networks, schools etc are inadequate. You state that more people should use public transport whilst at the same time planning to stop the 167 bus at Loughton station, thus depriving Debden residents of the 167 bus. Queues at shops will lengthen, making it difficult for elderly people to access the shops.

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

Agree

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

These are the only proposals which include community amenities. However enlarging Harlow will increase road congestion & lead to longer response times for ambulances for Epping Forest residents.

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

Epping?

Yes

Buckhurst Hill?

No opinion

Loughton Broadway?

No

Chipping Ongar?

No opinion

Loughton High Road?

No

Waltham Abbey?

No opinion

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

I object most strongly to building on existing car parks, also building on Debden's green spaces. The transport policy is a farce. An area with a high density of people aged over 65 should be provided with adequate public transport & car parking, not 'encouraged to walk or cycle'. Local disabled bays are often blocked by fit people. Commuters block the roads, reducing visibility on corners etc. Existing settlements are dense enough, more building will increase stress etc.

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

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

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

Please provide reasons for your view on Loughton:

Building on car parks will reduce access to shops, doctors, churches, etc More people will cause obstructions etc. when parking because parking facilities are already inadequate. Planning officers insisting that people

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should not use cars is arrogant & offensive. Carers need to be able to visit, deliver shopping/prescriptions etc. However there is often nowhere to park.

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:

Journeys around the district will become much more difficult if the 167 bus stops at Loughton station & does not reach Debden.

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 plans are disproportionate. Increasing the population by 23% will make life very difficult for the many elderly in theydon. The surgery & primary school will not meet increased need. Theydon needs more homes

for the elderly to downsize to, but near the shops, not the other side of the railway. The central line is at capacity, overcrowding further down the line will make return journeys delayed.

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:

A new town near good roads such as the A414, would be a much simpler solution. All the infrastructure could be put in place more easily. EFDC recognises that the A104/1393 roads are at capacity. Building additional housing will bring cars to a standstill. Many of the roads in Epping Forest are narrow & easily disrupted. Widening Rectory Lane near Debden Broadway will not decrease/reduce hold ups at the Abridge Road.

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

Its an expensive waste of time & money. Existing settlements are dense enough. We do not want more housing in already fully developed locations. Why not instead look at building the government's required housing (in the green belt if there is no alternative) as far away from existing settlements as possible. The green belt near existing settlements is very precious. It helps people let off steam, walk the dog and have community picnics & events. Please do not build on car parks or Debden's green spaces.

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

The plan does not properly address the needs of disabled or elderly people. A policy of encouraging walking & cycling instead of improving access to cars & parking discriminates against the elderly. It is short sighted & will lead to deteriorating health. When some of the parking places along Debden Broadway were removed, many

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shop keepers complained this has led to lower footfall in their shops. The previous seating encouraged people to stop for a chat/rest. Now people drive onto the pavement, & misuse disabled bays. Cars are essential, as are busses.
