

## 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 planned development around towns such as Harlow appears sensible and should enable facilities here to increase. Plans for smaller areas such as Theydon Bois impinge on the green belt and add to the destruction of Green Belt Boudaries. This is not acceptable.

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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:

As above, it does not seem a good choice to put houses in an area already struggling to meet schooling needs. It would seem more sensible to develop towns such as Harlow with a strong infrastructure that could only benefit from such development. The town centre could be brought alive again with an increase of residents in the area,

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

Strongly agree

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

For the reasons above but green belt should be avoided and brown sites used where possible.

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

Epping?

Yes

Buckhurst Hill?

Yes

Loughton Broadway?

Yes

Chipping Ongar?

Yes

Loughton High Road?

Yes

Waltham Abbey?

Yes

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

This should aid the developemnt of shops and facilities in the area and it would make sense to focus any new building around the areas to be developed in this way.

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

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

Not on green belt land which should be protected at all costs. there is an impact for transport links and it would be better to develop employment opportunities in the already established towns in the District.

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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 sites are in Green belt and if they are allocated for housing this will harm the countryside and destroy the rural character of the village. It appears that there is proportionately a larger percentage increase in Theydon**

Bois than some other areas and this large increase will destroy the character of the village and so does not fit in with EFDCs vision. The infrastructure could not support all these new houses and residents.

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:

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

**Disagree**

Please explain your choice in Question 7:

**The plan is not specific enough here. More information is needed to make an assessment.**

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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.

**The plan does not support all the developments around villages and hamlets. In Theydon Bois, the underground station already presents great problems at peak times and is not well served with road links. The increased population will have to go outside the village to access many facilities and this will mean the use of their own cars increasing the pollution. The use of Green Belt definitely gives rise to sustainability concerns, especially around the villages and smaller hamlets.**

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

**More detail is needed regarding the infrastructure and the maintenance of local character, especially of villages such as Theydon bois. It is necessary to have a masterplan before any applications for new housing are accepted.**

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