

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:

Extensive development west and southwest of Harlow is, in all but name, an extension of Harlow and in no way protects EFDC's Green Belt and environment.

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:

This is contrary to NPPF 9. 79-80 (Protecting Green Belt Land) "to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open" "safeguarding the countryside from encroachment"

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

Strongly disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

These sites mean destruction of Green Belt land, the coalescence of the extended Katherines and Sumners areas of Harlow with Broadley Common, Tylers Cross and Old House Lane and an unacceptable increase in traffic on rural roads and through Roydon village. West Sumners and West Katherines are not well placed to take advantage of Harlow's facilities or to contribute to the development of Harlow as part of the London - Harlow - Stansted - Cambridge corridor.

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

Epping?

No opinion

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:

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

No opinion

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 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

Please provide reasons for your view on Roydon:

The proposed sites in the area of Kingsmead on Epping Road {SR-0197 and SR-0890} are particularly sensitive because of their position in relation to the countryside which consists of good quality agricultural land, well farmed and with footpaths and field edges walked and appreciated by many. Any new housing should not

encroach into this and should be screened with copious planting. The mature trees and shrubs in the grounds of Kingsmead are a significant landscape feature when seen from the fields and must be retained.

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:

Schools, GPs and an infrequent bus service are likely to be provided. However, no public transport is going to make any significant difference to the number of car journeys that will result from over 2000 houses being built west of Harlow and far from Harlow Town centre, large retail outlets, sports centre, train and bus stations etc. It can be observed that many homes now have at least 2 cars. In addition to traveling to work and shops and school journeys (not everyone goes to the school on their doorstep) children will have to rely on parents to get anywhere. The roads are already congested and extra roads, road widening, roundabouts and extra lanes and junctions will destroy country roads, verges and hedges. Many people will prefer to use Roydon station rather than travel across the town to Harlow station, resulting in even more stationary queues the length of Roydon High Street, increased pollution and serious parking problems.

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

Sustainability cannot possibly be maintained with so much land being covered in hard surfaces, causing copious run-off, some oil polluted. Greatly increased atmospheric pollution, mainly from vehicles, will have a negative effect on reducing greenhouse gases.

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

DM2 A & B

The countryside which would be affected by proposals for West Katherines and West Sumners has been studied and enhanced over many years by local people working with EFDC officers. New trees and hedges have been planted and veteran trees have been recorded. It is important that policy DM2 be fully respected.

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