

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?

Agree

Please explain your choice in Question 1:

The overall vision cannot be faulted

2. Do you agree with the overall vision that the Draft Plan sets out for Epping Forest District?

Agree

Please explain your choice in Question 2:

whilst generally "agreeing" with your approach to restrict developments to locations within the existing settlements - I would far rather these developments were confined to areas around Harlow where there is a more obvious need for regeneration

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

Strongly agree

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

As mentioned in my reply to question 2 - I would prefer less of the proposed housing development in areas like Loughton and Epping and more for Harlow where regeneration is needed.

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

Epping?

No opinion

Buckhurst Hill?

No opinion

Loughton Broadway?

Yes

Chipping Ongar?

No opinion

Loughton High Road?

Yes

Waltham Abbey?

No opinion

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

Living in Loughton my main interest is in the plans for this area and having read the proposals for the shopping areas here I support the sentiments expressed

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

Agree

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:

Regarding the 13 sites allocated for residential development - I would have no objection to the smaller sites where up to 30 or so homes are being allocated - provided the housing was in keeping with the character of the surrounding properties and the overall character of Loughton - sites such as III, VII, VIII, IX, XI and XIII. However I would question the wisdom of losing the three public open spaces IV, VI and XII and in particular (IV) SR0356 the Borders Lane Playing Fields and (VI) SR0361 the Jessel Drive Amenity Open Space. These public open spaces were originally deliberately planned for the physical and mental well being of the local residents and I feel that the removal of these open spaces is likely to have an adverse effect on the physical and mental health of local residents. By confining the developments within the existing boundaries, rather than developing a new out of town village, there is a real danger that you will be forced to sacrifice public open

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space - open space that Loughton can ill afford to lose. If any of these three spaces has to go can we please try and retain at least the Borders Lane Playing Field? Loughton at present is a very pleasant place in which to live and the draft local plan is an opportunity to positively preserve the character of the town. My greatest concern and objection to the Local Plan concerns the proposal to build houses on the car parks at Debden Station (II) SR-0227 and Loughton Station (I) SR-0226 and to build at Loughton Library and the adjacent car park there (X) SR-0565. The parking situation in Loughton generally is already a major problem - the Central Line is already at capacity with commuters parking their cars at ever increasing distances from the stations and visiting shoppers finding it difficult to park anywhere near the shopping centre. With more housing planned for the town, Loughton will need more car parking space not less. We rarely use our car to go into town preferring to walk - and at present as we walk through the Loughton station car park we enjoy the fact that we can see Epping Forest as a back drop to the town. When we visit the library, again we prefer to walk from home rather than use the car and from the Trapps Hill car park the views of the surrounding forest are very special - views which would be lost if the car park went underground beneath new housing or even worse if multi-storey car parking were introduced. At present these car parks in Loughton afford views of the surrounding wooded hills and are in effect open public spaces that should be protected to preserve that open

feel to the town. The Library is a vitally important public amenity which is making every effort to be a focal point for the community - we would be devastated if the library were to be replaced with housing.

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 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?

Agree

Please explain your choice in Question 7:

8. An Interim Sustainability Appraisal has been commissioned to support the Draft Local Plan. We would welcome any comments you may have on this.
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9. Do you wish to comment on any other policies in the Draft Local Plan?