

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:

How could you possibly be supporting the Epping Forest District greenbelt when the draft plans clearly fail to do so. Urban sprawl into clearly defined Greenbelt boundaries is clearly not protecting the greenbelt.

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:

There is no way that Theydon Bois' infrastructure can support 360 new houses. The village is over capacitated as it is! There is only one doctor's surgery and one primary school in Theydon Bois. New development within a village which is already stretched is simply not sustainable.

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

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

Any development which encroaches on green belt land is simply unacceptable.

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

Epping?

No

Buckhurst Hill?

Yes

Loughton Broadway?

Yes

Chipping Ongar?

Yes

Loughton High Road?

No

Waltham Abbey?

No

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

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

Strongly disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

As explained previously, the infrastructure of such a small village (Theydon Bois) cannot support the EFDC's plans for employment development. Employment development/opportunities should be focused in the larger, younger towns and NOT small villages with an ageing population.

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 draft plan for 360 houses around Theydon Bois will result in a 23% increase in the size of our village which our infrastructure simply cannot withhold. The purpose of greenbelt land is that it remains green. By building 360 unsustainable housing, the village feel will be ruined and all countryside character will be lost.

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:

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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:

The plan is simply not specific enough and is incredibly general. The plans do not give any peace of mind that the infrastructure needed for such a large increase in houses will be provided.

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 tube station and not to mention parking in the surrounding areas is at full capacity. The road infrastructure in that part of the village will simply not be able to cope with the increase in the number of people getting the tube every morning and evening. Due to the overcrowding of the tube station and lack of parking in Theydon Bois, people will be looking to drive to larger towns nearby and may even decide to drive to work altogether to avoid the tube network which is NOT sustainable and carbon emissions will increase. In a time when we critically need to encourage the use of public transport, an increase in the number of people using personal transportation could have devastating effects on the environment.

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

Quite frankly the policies are general and in no way near as specific as they should be. Theydon Bois is a quaint village that simply does not have the infrastructure to withhold such a dramatic increase in houses. What is the point in having greenbelt land if you just plan to allow for urban sprawl to encroach. Local character will be completely lost!
