

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 agree

Please explain your choice in Question 1:

The strategy of focusing development close to Harlow seems to be a very good idea giving the opportunity to rejuvenate Harlow and locating housing close to the towns infrastructure, employment opportunities and major rail and motorway links. Protection of the green belt is vital to preserve the rural and green character of the district given how close the district is to London we should avoid any release of green belt land.

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:

I support the focus of development close to Harlow as this is logical and ensures that housing is located close to the towns infrastructure, employment and major rail and motorway links. However the development around Ongar is excessive as Ongar has virtually no public transport, little local employment and traffic congestion a major problem, not so much within the town but on the commuter routes eg through Brentwood.

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

Strongly agree

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

A logical place to focus development close to the towns infrastructure, employment and rail and motorway networks.

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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?

Strongly agree

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

Whilst it is obvious that Epping Forest District will, never be able to provide full employment or indeed compete with London salaries it is important that we do provide local employment opportunities where we can.

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

Please provide reasons for your view on Chipping Ongar:

The level of house building is excessive for a small and historic town with a limited infrastructure and no effective public transport links and very limited local employment. With 600 houses one can assume 1200 car movement at each end of the day. Likely that around 300 will go through Brentwood, 300 towards Chelmsford, and 300 towards Harlow. The congestion at Brentwood is intolerable already I drive through Brentwood each working day and the queue to get through Wilsons corner takes about half an hour and goes back to the BP petrol station before the A12 closing. I think the queue for the M11 roundabout is much the same. In addition to the inefficiency and time wasted the pollution impact is substantial and may even exceed limits at peak hours, particularly for those residents living on the Brentwood approach. Since nearly all of this housing at Ongar will generate car travel any development at Ongar should be severely limited and the

development focused in more appropriate places perhaps expanding that which is already planned close to Harlow.

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?

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?