

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?

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 1:

This is an edict from the Government, not from Epping Forest District Council. I strongly oppose up to 360 new homes in our village, much of it is green belt. The vision has always been to protect the green belt, not build on it!

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

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 2:

Theydon Bois is an existing settlement, a village in fact, with around 1400 dwellings. To expect our village to accommodate up to 360 new homes, including on a green belt site **Redacted** is totally unreasonable. There are other areas in the EFDC/Harlow district that are better placed to take these additional homes.

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

No opinion

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

My main objection in all of this is building on our precious green belt which we were always led to believe that the Government wished to protect. As I have said previously, there are other green spaces close to other settlements that are better placed to accommodate a mixture of housing and authorised traveller sites.

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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

Waltham Abbey?

No opinion

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

Has anyone read the latest Daily Mail story about the death of the high street? This one actually focuses on Loughton within our own district. <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4018692/What-death-high-street-shops-says-Britain-today.html>

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

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

Again, we are going back to building on green belt. New retail development and subsequent new jobs should be directed to the larger sites that can accommodate housing and jobs. I work in recruitment and I cannot see that employment opportunities will increase significantly.

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 earmarked for housing development are not suitable. Who are going to be the winners here? The landowners and the developers. Our village does not have the infrastructure either to sustain up to 360 new homes, which could potentially increase our village by 23%. We are at capacity in our local school, our doctors' surgery, our local rail service and the Essex County Council bus consultations are being reviewed.

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

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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?

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 7:

Where is the money coming from to deliver these infrastructure services? The country/Government is already heavily in debt, our the UK is constantly allowing more people into our country (many given housing, benefits, etc.)

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act it would be interesting to know how much this is costing tax payments. In addition, Theydon Bois does not have the capacity to take anymore through our transport links which are already overcrowded at peak times.

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

Yes, with regard to green belt policy. I believe that building on green belt land will set a precedent for the future. As a village, through Theydon Bois Action Group, the Rural Preservation Society and the Theydon Bois Parish Council, we believe that our green belt should be protected (and that EFDC should be supporting this) and not ruined by landowners and unscrupulous developers who are no doubt rubbing their hands together at the prospect of building on land irrespective of its borders and likelihood of an urban sprawl into other regions.
