

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:

I live in Loughton. Whilst I'm hugely sympathetic to the challenge that this plan is trying to answer the suggested solutions feel completely at odds with the quality of life current residents and even future residents would need. We need new housing, people need places to live, the current price of housing is not sustainable. However the plan proposes developments that would unduly effect the fabric, quality and culture of our area. The amenities that we currently have are already pushed to their limits. Transport, buses, trains and tubes, its already clear that stations cannot be made bigger, trains cannot carry more people. I travel on the Central Line at Loughton everyday, trains are regular full or nearly full, how would the line cope with such an increase in travellers? Healthcare, surgeries are already challenged. We regular wait over a week for appointments. Schools, are already oversubscribed. Infrastructure, roads are already busy and not adequate for the levels of traffic. At lastly, green spaces, whilst I appreciate space is at a premium. But the reason we live here is to be part of and close to the green space. Every weekend we enjoy the forest, we walk, we ride all year round. Once 'our' green space is gone, its gone never to be replaced. we should be championing all of our green space, not building on it. I simply cannot understand how the area would cope with such an increase in population. Why is there no clears plan for a development in amenities and infrastructure, thats completely unacceptable from my persecutive, why is there no plan to support that?

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 questions feels very similar to the first, although it reference distinct locations. From my perspective my answers in Q1, are still relevant. I do not think Green belt spaces that are cherished by residents should be

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sacrificed. The development for Harlow feels more appropriate. But again where are the plans for infrastructure, across Health, transport and education?

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

No opinion

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

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

Please provide reasons for your view on Loughton:

The proposals seem completely at odds with the current character and needs of the area. Mass housing in areas that simply do not have the amenities and infrastructure to meet the needs of so many potential residents. It simply does not seem to have been thought about in a sensitive and measured way. Also how is the culture and character of an area sustained, managed or developed? Is it changed beyond recognition? How is the culture and history of the area effected? People are proud to live here? Please, please reconsider the plans and present them in a more thought though sensitive way. This was a place that I thought we would live for the next 10, 20 or thirty years - if this were to happen I would definitely reconsider that.

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:

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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:

They are wholly inadequate and not sufficient to met the needs of so many no possible residents.

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

I'm unsure what to add here, I've written detailed answers to other questions.

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