

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 plan seems sensible but needs to be very careful to avoid destroying the feel of the area

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:

The Harlow area is already well populated and the current infrastructure struggles to cope. A large expansion will lead to the infrastructure needing huge enhancements that I doubt will happen

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

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

These areas already struggle with the current population. A large increase in housing will not be sustainable.

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

Epping?

Yes

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:

The Epping plan is for a small expansion of the current area, which seems sensible and sustainable

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

Agree

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

More jobs are needed so careful expansion is appropriate

6. Do you agree with the proposed sites in your area?

Epping (Draft Policy P 1):

No

Please provide reasons for your view on Epping:

The car parking in Epping is inadequate already. If the plan is to increase the population and shopping opportunities the parking needs expanding. To build on parking areas is ridiculous and counterproductive.

The station car park is particularly busy, again needing expansion rather than reduction. It is also important to protect the green belt and so the plan to expand into this is unacceptable.

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

Please provide reasons for your view on North Weald Bassett:

North Weald already suffers from a lack of amenities and busy roads. The huge housing expansion that is planned here will destroy the feel of the town and cause traffic levels that the road network won't be able to cope with.

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

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Please provide reasons for your view on Coopersale, Fyfield, High Ongar, Lower Sheering, Moreton, Sewardstonbury, Sheering, Stapleford Abbots:

I specifically mean Coopersale as I don't know the other areas well enough to comment. Coopersale has a limited amount of open green space. The current plan will build on the much loved cricket pitch and remove a large part of the school playing field. In a country where people don't get enough exercise already, this seems to be highly counterproductive. Building on the allotments may be acceptable if they are not being used but the accessibility will be a huge problem. Coopersale already has a problem with parking and that area in particular is already difficult to access by car. Increasing the housing will only increase the problems unless an alternative access point is provided.

7. Do you agree with the approach to infrastructure provision being proposed in the plan?

Strongly disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 7:

I haven't found any specifics for each of the affected areas so I cannot tell what is proposed. Without that, I can't agree to it. The current infrastructure is insufficient and I would be surprised if this position improved.

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?