

## 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 focus needs to be on infrastructure - roads, services, schools etc. Congestion in Epping Town is increasing and access to services is extremely difficult. 2/3 weeks to get a doctors appointment for current residents and no chance of your children getting into the catchment primary school unless you live within 0.6 of a mile.

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2. 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 2:

Epping forest is a beautiful area and council representatives should try and maintain the rural feel. I would hate to see the area develop into a concrete community and have a feel similar to highly populated cities. Based on the local plan Harlow provides the perfect scenario of enabling development without impacting on the rural feel of Epping Forest. This must be supported with amenities and resources to meet the living requirements of a modern society. Therefore providing good road networks, providing more schools and more medical practices. Often developers want to build the houses but place little regard on the local impact to current services. Therefore a robust comprehensive package must be designed and delivered.

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

**Strongly agree**

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

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

Epping?

**Yes**

Buckhurst Hill?

**No opinion**

Loughton Broadway?

**Yes**

Chipping Ongar?

**No opinion**

Loughton High Road?

**Yes**

Waltham Abbey?

**No opinion**

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

Having lived in Epping for over 3 years we as a family have been very sad and disappointed that the mixed use development on the old St John's School has not progressed. The information about the opportunities on this site is very exciting, especially with a young family. We hope this project goes ahead as soon as possible and hope it is within the next 3 years. I hope the prime shopping sites are not to prevent the potential for further shopping sites because I would support further shopping areas. Epping is a hub for retail and further investment in the retail sector, it would encourage jobs, growth and opportunities for local people.

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

**Strongly agree**

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

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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:

It is difficult to say I agree because each proposed site has a check list of amenities and the vast majority have a local primary school, and within walking distant of the 2 medical centres. What the proposed sites didn't really get across was the availability at the service delivery end. If the proposed sites go ahead there was no mention of specific provision on services and this concerns me. I appreciate there is a housing need but what are the strategies to ensure infrastructure and service provisions meet the existing demand let alone a new demand through the proposed sites. One proposed site I did question was the Epping train station car park. This car park should really be a 3 storey car park due to the demand for parking at the station. Therefore

developing houses on top of an underground car park would take away the opportunity to develop the site into a bigger car park needed for customers who commute into the city.

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 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:

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

Strongly disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 7:

On reviewing the local plan I didn't get a clear strategy on the infrastructure delivery. There were no specifics on the plans and what would be required for each proposed site. It also didn't mention where the funds for the infrastructure would come from, nor timescales to receive the funding, and whether it would come from central government or local government. If the limes medical practice is already oversubscribed and no further provision has been put into place for the current local need, how can I have confidence that any further proposed developments will actual be delivered with a cohesive infrastructure plan.

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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?