

Epping Forest District Council Representations to the Draft Local Plan Consultation 2016 (Regulation 18)

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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:

I agree that there is a need for new jobs, homes and infrastructure. I do not agree that new homes should be created in the absence of the necessary infrastructure to support the increased number of people in the district. New homes must be supported by new schools, doctors surgeries, sports and leisure facilities, along with measures to improve congestion, to truly enhance quality of life and not damage this for existing residents.

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:

The draft local plan proposes to increase the population of Epping by 30% and North Weald by 80%. Facilities in Epping are already over stretched. It is extremely hard to get a GP appointment; the primary schools are oversubscribed and children are having to travel by car to school in Theydon, Epping Upland and Coopersale, rather than on foot to Epping Primary and Ivy Chimneys. The parking in Epping is dreadful, primarily due to people parking for the station, and traffic is very congested. Increasing the population substantially will severely increase these pressures. Proposals to build on town centre car parks, on the Tennis club and sports clubs at Lower Bury Lane; on Epping Sports Centre will rip the heart from Epping and make this a much less well equipped town to live in. Proposals to develop on the fields next to Brook Road are wholly inappropriate with narrow and congested roads around there not able to support the extra traffic.

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

Agree

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

If supported by necessary infrastructure this seems appropriate. Harlow is already a large, modern, town and extra development there supported by facilities and educational provision will not spoil it's character.

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:

It is appropriate to enhance Epping town centre as a thriving retail space. Development should be brought forward encompassing the old Epping Primary site. A retail space with town square and cinema was proposed but there have been endless delays and the site is just an eyesore at present.

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

Please provide reasons for your view on Epping:

The scale of development planned in Epping is wholly inappropriate and will significantly alter the character of the town. The proposal for nearly 600 new homes in Brook Road, down Ivy Chimneys road and on south side of Epping is not supported by plans for new schooling or infrastructure and it is impossible that the current roads could cope with the extra level of traffic generated without accidents. Without town centre car parks - all mooted for development into housing - where will shoppers park to use the High Street? The Sports Centre, land at Stonards Hill (currently a park and recreation ground) and sports clubs in Lower Bury Lane are all all

earmarked for development. So where will the sports and recreation provision be in the town? The loss of these facilities will have significant impact on the quality of life of residents.

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?

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 7:

No indication is given of the number of school places that would be required to support the new developments in Epping, how this would affect the existing schools or where any new schools would go. This is unsatisfactory. The infrastructure required and where it will be located should be set out clearly at the same time as the housing need.

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?