

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?

Strongly disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 1:

Quality of life will erode. Frail & disabled people will have increased difficulty accessing shops etc. For instance a 23% longer queue; plus even more difficulties parking. Building on open spaces in eg Debden will increase crime & mental ill health. Building over car parks will decrease access to shops etc Frail people will be more housebound. Similar building over car parks invites crime, similar to Chingford Hall estate where vehicles in car parks under flats have been set on fire.

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:

Many of the sites chosen will add to congestion. Past reduction of the station car park in Epping has resulted in parking problems in Theydon & Loughton. Where will the nurse &/or carers park? The Central line is at full capacity as are many schools & surgeries. If green belt land must go, build a new town with its own infrastructure, near good roads. Do not build near narrow roads where existing residents will suffer every day. The impact on frail, elderly & disabled people would be enormous. Only the fit can walk to the shops.

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

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?

Yes

Loughton Broadway?

Yes

Chipping Ongar?

No opinion

Loughton High Road?

Yes

Waltham Abbey?

No opinion

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

Shops are only viable/useful if people can access them. The reduction in parking along The Broadway, Loughton, has reduced the viability of these shops. Anchor Housing's recent survey found many people over 50 did not venture out much because of fatigue, lack of seating, queues etc. Disabled parking is increasingly used by non disabled people. Both need more parking places not less.

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

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 proposed sites will impact on parking and through traffic. The Epping Green route to Harlow and the route to the M11 will both be more congested. Slowing journey times for ambulances etc. Before planning to build more housing all the roads need to be surveyed at peak times. I counted over 300 cars on the A104 travelling

North one evening. The A1393 is usually nose to tail. Chelmsford roads are wider & their traffic moves faster. Epping Forest is getting more & more congested.

Loughton (Draft Policy P 2)

No

Please provide reasons for your view on Loughton:

Debden residents should not loose their open spaces. If the car park at Loughton Library is built on it will be impossible to access the library, & north Loughton, for instance the Catholic Church & the Methodist Church. Where will people park who wish to access the surgery, or swimming bath? Loughton needs more parking not less. Shops would do better if access were better.

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

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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:

23% more people in the village will result in more frail & disabled people not having access to the shops, it is difficult enough now. Building on the station car park will make travelling more difficult. Commuters already block access to village amenities. Some people may loose their jobs as the journey becomes more congested.

Planning policy should not be dominated by the fit. Infrastructure is inadequate. The Abridge Road will become very congested. This is a major route to Chelmsford, Ilford & Romford.

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

Please provide reasons for your view on Thornwood:

The Thornwood expansion will increase congestion. This & the proposed expansion of Epping will slow journey times for ambulances etc. Thornwood is on the major route to the M11, M25 and Harlow.

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:

Infrastructure etc is best served by building a new town, preferably on a green field site near to good roads. Why are the proposed developments around Harlow the only ones where community amenities are important?

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

Who has been commissioned? We do not want plans looked at by Londoners who refer to Epping Forest as a 'Borough', as occurred in Debden. Nor do we want appraisal that occurs without consideration of traffic flows. The recent Debden plan only looked at footfall/traffic in July when Epping Forest College was closed for the summer holiday. Sustainability is more difficult where roads are narrow. Deliveries to shops can impact road safety. In Theydon deliveries to Tesco reduces access to Tescos as parking is blocked. Vans park in the disabled bays. Epping Forest has a high proportion of elderly residents for whom life will be far less sustainable if these plans are implemented.

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

We need more parking. Building on car parks will greatly reduce quality of life. Many of the existing settlements will be greatly disadvantaged by more building. Congestion will increase. Roads are narrow & easily disrupted. Frail & elderly residents have not been adequately considered. Where will nurses & carers park? In many roads all available parking spaces are taken. How much longer will their journeys be? More people will deteriorate if they cannot get out & about.
