

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?

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 1:

Although I feel some new housing is required, the plan is very extreme and taking away facilities that make Loughton and the surrounding District the place it is now - a good mix between commercial and housing. The majority of the sites identified as potential expansion areas, are well used and vital recreational spaces. The general health and mental state for local people is greatly enhanced by these. Surely we should be trying to make the area greener, not filling it with huge ugly concrete structures where people sleep and eat rather than live. The number of jobs created by increasing the housing will be minimal, but I do agree that we should improve our existing commercial areas.

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 Green Belt was established for a reason. This reason is even more valid and relevant today. To build on our existing car parks, which are few is a huge error, in particular, Traps Hill. We are all trying to keep healthy - where would visitors to the Leisure Centre park?

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

No opinion

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

I am nervous about the choices, but recognise that Harlow does have some capacity for change, provided the road network and transport are improved to meet the demands.

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?

Yes

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

Over the last couple of decades, as everywhere, local independent shops have been in decline. If this can be reversed, it will improve the retail offer for local residents and safeguard local jobs.

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

Agree

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

I am concerned that historically planning applications are often given approval on the offer of increased employment, which, in the main is minimal, if any. However, the improvement of the existing employment sites would be an effective way of bringing additional prosperity to the area.

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:

This will mean the loss of vital leisure space that will well frequented by all residents of all ages, bringing families and friends together to enjoy the outdoor life. In addition, dog walking which keeps people healthy

and encourages sociability. To create intensive housing will completely destroy the lifestyle of the area. We should be looking to create more greenery, not concrete and glass.

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:

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

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 7:

Improvement of local services is required now for the existing population, so it would be an enormous task to look at increasing this further. Where is the assurance that this will be put in place prior to the developments? I doubt this will be achieved. In addition, the tube is at capacity so before any increase is made, there should be commitment by London Underground to add more trains.

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

Once spaces are given away to Developers, who will not be living here or care, the area is ruined for ever. Great care needs to be taken by any message of sustainability that this is true and the well-being and way of life for the current residents is sustained too.

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

My main concerns are: The loss of recreational land, including car parks connected with these and the change of appearance of Loughton. An example that has already been given permission is the huge block of very ugly flats on the old Winston Churchill. If this is the type of development that will be permitted, Loughton will be completely destroyed. We are already crowded here, so to add to this, will be miserable.
