

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?

Strongly disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 1:

I live in Ongar. Whilst I accept we need some new houses, there simply isn't the infrastructure to support 600 new homes - 2000 people. Specifically there is no transport to centres of employment, no parking, the high street grinds to a halt if someone parks badly, one of the proposed sites is the only leisure facility for a 5 mile radius, there is limited Internet access, hardly any mobile phone coverage etc. In summary, 600 homes is simply not viable.

2. Do you agree with the overall vision that the Draft Plan sets out for Epping Forest District?

Agree

Please explain your choice in Question 2:

Provided the distribution is proportionate to the ability to support it. Currently it's not. For example Chigwell has trains, Ongar does not - why build more houses in Ongar?

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

No opinion

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

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

Epping?

No opinion

Buckhurst Hill?

No opinion

Loughton Broadway?

No opinion

Chipping Ongar?

No

Loughton High Road?

No opinion

Waltham Abbey?

No opinion

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

There are no parking facilities and there is no public transport

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

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

Most people commute out of the area. Public transport should be number 1 consideration.

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 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

Please provide reasons for your view on Chipping Ongar:

As stated, Ongar simply cannot cope with that many houses. One of the sites - my nearest- is green belt. It has TPO on every tree, horses graze on the fields, it has no safe access points to roads. Another is a leisure centre. Why knock down this facility only to build houses for people who will then need leisure facilities?

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:

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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:

Is the central line re-opening in Ongar? If no then do not build houses here. And if yes, where are commuters cars going to park? The old car park is housing.

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?