

## 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?

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 1:

Too many houses built in a relatively short period without an infrastructure plan in place is a recipe for disaster. There has got to be a proper infrastructure plan in place, and fewer houses built over a longer period of time so that the market can cope. I do not agree with building over station car parks. This will cause too much congestion in the meantime and afterwards. Commuters still need to park somewhere whilst building work goes on. I do not agree with building over the Leisure Centre in Ongar, as not everyone can travel by car, and we should be trying to reduce car use. It is a popular facility for the town.

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

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 2:

Too many houses built over too short a period. The main settlements where all the housing is planned will become bottlenecks for traffic.

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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 opinion**

Loughton High Road?

**No opinion**

Waltham Abbey?

**No opinion**

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

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

**No opinion**

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

I have not seen plans for new employment. The plans I saw only focus on the housing alone. Nothing was shown at the Ongar exhibition about employment

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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:

I believe the plan to convert the station car park to car parking and housing will create a lot of problems for commuters trying to park. Certainly whilst it was being built it will be very difficult in Epping and surrounding areas. People still need to get to work during that time. Also the entrance road to the station is dangerous as

it is small and hard to see oncoming traffic coming over the bridge. This would only be worse with extra traffic use.

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:

To house over the local leisure centre would be detrimental to all residents who are unable to travel elsewhere to get to the gym. This is very popular facility that would be even more used with the increase in population. I was under the impression that the council was trying to encourage not using the car, well this does not fit in with this policy and will just increase traffic trying to get to a facility out of town. As much as possible, it is right to try to reduce traffic use. There is no provision for the increased traffic being created by

these new homes, which will cause a huge amount of congestion. There must be some major plan for this to accommodate the extra housing.

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:

The provision of a decent road system to cope with the extra traffic does not seem to have been planned yet. There will be significant problems with the road congestion in Ongar, North Weald and Epping without a plan to improve it before agreeing to this new housing. The Harlow roundabout above the M11, can already get gridlocked, but I have not seen any plans for improvements

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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?