

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 feel that this local plan does not show a will to protect the Green belt which is such a special part of living here.

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:

Again there is more incursions into the Green belt. Building 360 houses in and around Theydon Bois has not been properly justified. More houses, more cars, more people in an area where the infrastructure is already under immense pressures and no plans to do anything about it now before more demands are made upon it. New housing should be built where the infrastructures are in place to cope with it,

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

Agree

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

I agree that it is a better plan to focus new building of homes where the area can cope with it but it should not encroach on green belt. It is the green belt areas that give some quality to people and especially childrens' lives.

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

Epping?

Yes

Buckhurst Hill?

Yes

Loughton Broadway?

Yes

Chipping Ongar?

Yes

Loughton High Road?

Yes

Waltham Abbey?

Yes

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

If I understand this correctly these current retail areas should be protected and new housing and employment should be focused on the areas that can support it and not seek to undermine it.

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

Strongly disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

No Green Belt sites should be used for employment development. This would be detrimental to local job opportunities, there would be an adverse effect on transport links and local infrastructure. New opportunities for employment and housing should favour the towns that are keen to expand in a sustainable way.

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 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

Please provide reasons for your view on Theydon Bois:

Theydon Bois is a special place with a rural charm. To increase the size of this village by 23% is to remove much of its character. Four of the sites are in the Green Belt and housing will encroach into the country side and further damage it. The traffic in the village continues to increase and this damages the trees and the air we breathe. The local school is already operating at its maximum capacity. The underground train leaves nearly full during the rush hour and therefore has a knock on effect as it continues into London with less space for other passengers further up the line. Medical pressures in this area are immense. It is not always easy to see a Doctor and to use the emergency service and be told you have an hour to wait shows that more thought needs to be put into sorting out the current infrastructure before massively overdeveloping this area and bringing the current system to its knees. We have had more housing in this village over the years but this

has not improved the Public Transport. To develop sites just because they have been put forward by landowners does not make it right.

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?

Strongly disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 7:

I have not seen exactly what plans there are in place for improving the infrastructure in our area. We need things to improve now why can there only be improvements if there are more people and more problems? Many roads through the forest cannot be widened so how can congestion on these roads be solved? Not by introducing more people and more cars. Princess Alexander was never built to deal with an ever increasing number of people and is currently struggling as are the local Doctors surgeries but there are no plans in operation to resolve any of these issues. Solve these problems first before adding to them.

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

In respect of Theydon Bois this appraisal does not seem to recognise the problems currently affecting this area. Transport links are already at capacity, especially at peak times. The station is poorly accessed by road and bus services are poor. Station parking affects the whole village that now has restricted parking in place. I do not see that housing should be a good enough reason to remove all clearly defined Green Belt sites. Any new housing built in this village will not benefit children growing up here as all new housing built recently is priced too high for them to afford. This over development is not required.

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

I want to see detailed Green Belt policies that define exactly what is meant by 'disproportionate extensions' to properties in the Green Belt. What exactly does 'materially larger' mean in real terms? Once the Green Belt is gone it is a loss not only for us but a loss to all future generations. At District level a plan should be put together to both maintain and improve our area so it continues to be a good place to live. All aspects should be carefully planned so that people can live good, satisfying and happy lives without the stresses and strains imposed by bad, ill considered plans that don't carefully resolve the issues of the infrastructure in all its any forms. (Transport, parking, health provision, education, recreation etc)
