

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?

Agree

Please explain your choice in Question 1:

I agree in principle, but question the overall philosophy of unlimited growth which I believe underpins the above statement and strategy; I believe we live in a post-growth world and need to find solutions - housing and otherwise - which recognise that we live in a world of limited resources. We must find a way forward with this in mind, which means protecting and cleaning up our natural environment - air, land and water - as the overwhelming priority, as these provide basis of our entire wellbeing and of our economy.

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:

While I trust that all issues have been explored, and recognise my lack of expertise in this area, I believe that a release of Green Belt land - however limited - is a slippery slope and a dangerous precedent to set. I would like to see brownfield sites explored for new housing, as well as more mixed-use developments; it may also be that other parts of London which do not contain such a precious natural resource as Epping Forest will be more appropriate for additional housing on the scale being proposed.

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

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

I disagree insofar as any of these sites intrude onto existing protecting greenbelt spaces. I am, in theory, in favour of plans to increase housing on non-protected sites where a density of housing is in keeping with the urban character of the area.

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:

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

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

I disagree insofar as any of these plans require removing protecting green spaces.

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 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

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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?

No opinion

Please explain your choice in Question 7:

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?

Overall, I question this review process. I have two university degrees and have found answering what is, on the surface, a relatively simple questionnaire nearly impossible. While the Draft Local Plan is well designed and produced, I would suggest that it is impractical to suppose that the local public (even highly engaged citizens) will have time to pour over this wide-ranging plan and understand it sufficiently enough to provide you with the requested feedback, which makes this exercise feel more like the district's legal obligation rather than a genuine request for public feedback. I recognise that the difficulties you must face in getting public feedback on such complicated and detailed issues such as a Draft Local Plan - a plan which is, at times, highly specialised, and is, if nothing else, long and detailed - and I recognise that an online survey is not the only way that you solicit feedback - but there must be a better way, or ways, especially when the decisions being made will have such significant impacts on many people who live near Epping Forest.
