

## 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?

Strongly disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 1:

Ref Chipping Ongar. I have been an Ongar resident since 2005. In that time I have seen a series of small developments through out the area all of which have impacted on the local infra structure. The transport network is wholly inadequate. Since the announcement of London 2012 and M25 redesign the local roads - most specifically the A414 have visually increased in vehicle volume. My residence backs onto the A414. In 2005 we were aware of the rush hour at either end of the day, now more often than not we have a constant stream of traffic - dare I say in excess of the posted speed limits and during peak periods stationery vehicles hampered by the lack of design for volume traffic at such places as the "four wantz round a bout", not to mention the high street a continuation of the B186 not suitable for HGV - used daily by HGV. Clearly the demand of this route has been driven by congestion on the M11, M25. As a satellite navigation route avoiding congestion and now as a known thoroughfare cutting the corner off of the A12 - M25 J28 to M25 J27 to J7 M11 or vice versa. Simply the road design is inadequate. One must then consider public transport - EOR service does not connect to Epping Underground Station - is not TFL subsidised and charges extortionate prices. The bus service is a contentious issue, one that fails to deliver a regular service and one that I happen know is in the hands of MP Eric Pickles. In the last two weeks the evening service Epping to Ongar has failed every day with a suspended service daily between 16:40 hours and 18:20 - peak rush hour demand causing those passengers traveling to Ongar to wait for 1 hour and 40 minutes in some cases (posted service is scheduled for every 30 minutes). So transport wise the infrastructure could not service another 250 plus homes. The road way and road design can not accommodate current volume - more vehicles could only worsen the issue and of course impact on our carbon footprint. I understand the proposal suggest removal of the leisure centre from Ongar to another place - why. We are talking about a local amenity, youth provision, sporting activity in a location that all have foot access to. Given my comments on transport and accessibility to Ongar how can the council ask Ongar residents to travel out of the town to another town for such a facility. If one considers the facilities at the leisure centre - a swimming pool, I say this. It is now part of the national curriculum that all primary school children learn to swim (Ongar has four primary schools within the close proximity of the centre). We know that local demand has driven the build of Ongar Academy - how does the council now argue

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removing the facility would be of benefit when local demand will grow. I have to ask how many people on the council live in the areas to which they are making decisions. I have worked all of my life to move to the house I am now in - I will leave the area as will many. In the late 30s early 40s Ongar was considered as a new town proposal. Harlow and Basildon were chosen instead - there was a reason - all that your policy does is reverse those planning decisions without explanation. I for one fail to see the benefit of cheap housing on green belt. Why should people be given advantage to the detriment of others at a whim. Unless it is a government directive I would like to know the clear drivers for this - what does the council or its members gain? Quite often politics is driven by personal ambition and agenda not unfortunately the good of all - Ongar town council are clear indicators of this. I found out about this consultation by chance, a throw away comment from some one close to the seat of power - one can not help but think the lack of publicity in your public consultation is a deliberate act. I would like you to confirm by return what media activity and communications has taken place - I would like for you to tell me that every home in the Epping Forest district has received a copy of the plan - I suspect that will not be the case, cost will be blamed - should I even get a response. The doctors have moved to their new facility - they are stretched and unable to meet local demand as it is. The local police station is closed to the public, and scheduled to be sold in due course. The fire station is at risk of being closed. The library only opens part time. The primary schools are now reaching full capacity. All of the above are local services that have been reduced due to cut backs - how can you then justify bringing more people into an area where the services are already stretched. On a personal level my property is likely to reduce in value - I currently have an unobstructed view over the fields - building an estate on the A414 will have a detrimental effect on my fundamental human rights - privacy, security etc. I would a response to my concerns within 7 working days addressing the points raised above.

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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:

as Q1

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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?

Yes

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?

Agree

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

Agreed - but with the caveat that any redevelopment of Fyfield industrial estate has with it transport egress and amenities for workers within the area

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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:

see Q1

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)

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### 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?

Please explain your choice in Question 7:

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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?