

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:

Please see the attached sheet on P6. I am only answering the questions that relate to Loughton.

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

Please explain your choice in Question 2:

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?

Buckhurst Hill?

Loughton Broadway?

Chipping Ongar?

Loughton High Road?

Waltham Abbey?

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

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

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

6. Do you agree with the proposed sites in your area?

Epping (Draft Policy P 1):

Please provide reasons for your view on Epping:

Loughton (Draft Policy P 2)

Please provide reasons for your view on Loughton:

My first reaction to the draft local plan was one of dismay. If this is the "vision for 2033" I'm almost relieved that I won't be around to experience it! It will be a far cry from the Loughton IN which we chose to make our home 40 years ago and have lived in happily ever since. Obviously things can't stand still, but Loughton is still a leafy green town with many advantages that will be wiped out if building takes place as you propose. Loughton is already overcrowded - with traffic jams in the rush hour, the central line packed to the limits and parked cars blocking streets as far back as the forest edge. Building flats on the station car park and in Traps Hill seems a crazy idea. You say there will be alternative car parking but it is difficult to see how this will work without even more displacement on to residential roads with associated dangers. An especially bad idea is to destroy the public open spaces (e.g. Jessel Green) depriving children of places to play outdoors. Children on the Debden estate are already among the most vulnerable. As a retired pharmacist I am particularly concerned about the health implications of reducing the opportunities for children to run free e.g. obesity, mental health problems etc. A national Institute of Clinical Excellence (NICE) report in December 2016 expressed concern about building roads close to homes and homes close to busy roads because of the adverse effects on pollution. Leading to serious health problems and a further drain on the NHS. Loughton High rd is already gridlocked at certain times of day and the situation is bound to get worse under the proposed Local plan. The green lung of Epping Forest is not enough to counteract this. Finally I object in principle to any encroachment into the Green Belt. You say it will be a mere 1.5% but green belt is there for a purpose and should be sacrosanct. Surely there are places, such as separate garden villages, where extra housing could be accommodated with

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care and thought for the environment, using up all available brownfield sites and keeping away from valuable countryside?

Waltham Abbey (Draft Policy P 3)

Please provide reasons for your view on Waltham Abbey:

Chipping Ongar (Draft Policy P 4)

Please provide reasons for your view on Chipping Ongar:

Buckhurst Hill (Draft Policy P 5)

Please provide reasons for your view on Buckhurst Hill:

North Weald Bassett (Draft Policy P 6)

Please provide reasons for your view on North Weald Bassett:

Chigwell (Draft Policy P 7)

Please provide reasons for your view on North Weald Bassett:

Theydon Bois (Draft Policy P 8)

Please provide reasons for your view on Theydon Bois:

Roydon (Draft Policy P 9)

Please provide reasons for your view on Roydon:

Nazeing (Draft Policy P 10)

Please provide reasons for your view on Nazeing:

Thornwood (Draft Policy P 11)

Please provide reasons for your view on Thornwood:

Coopersale, Fyfield, High Ongar, Lower Sheering, Moreton, Sewardstonbury, Sheering, Stapleford Abbots (Draft Policy P 12)

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?

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.

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

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