

Epping Forest District Council Representations to the Draft Local Plan Consultation 2016 (Regulation 18)

Stakeholder ID 2429 Name ian Hawthorne

Method Survey

Date

This document has been created using information from the Council's database of responses to the Draft Local Plan Consultation 2016. Some elements of the full response such as formatting and images may not appear accurately. Should you wish to review the original response, please contact the Planning Policy team: ldfconsult@eppingforestdc.gov.uk

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:

The plan involves the loss of some Green Belt land. As far as I am concerned this is totally unacceptable. I regard this as the thin end of the wedge.

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:

How can one justify the huge increase in the size of Theydon Bois without the infrastructure to support it, and the loss of Green Belt. Housing development should be concentrated in the towns.

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

Agree

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

Housing should go where existing infrastructure is better able to cope.

Response to the Draft Local Plan Consultation 2016 (Regulation 18)

Stakeholder ID 2429

Name ian

Hawthorne

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:

It is reasonable to encourage retail growth in these areas provided that some thought is given to the interests of shops in the smaller settlements

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

Strongly disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

Green Belt sites are not acceptable. Employment opportunities should be focused in or around the larger settlements

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:

Green Belt land was created to prevent the creep of development. Also, the enormous increase in population would ruin the character of the village. I am not against responsible development, though this is anything but. I am also concerned about the increased flood risk to the village with all the extra concrete. Since the last

flood there is an on-going problem with the accumulation of water by the zebra crossing whenever we have a heavy rainfall.

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:

The infrastructure proposals in the plan are far too vague, and I frankly have no faith in them. Where are the details that could reassure me that it has properly thought through and that it would actually be implemented?

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

I do not accept that the appraisal supports the seemingly random scattering of units around the district. Development should be concentrated in the larger centres. How is it that, for example, Theydon has been allocated 360 units whereas Roydon has only 40? This seems to be a nonsense. As to facilities, the underground is struggling to cope at peak hours, the bus service is pathetic and the parking in the village is chaotic, and indeed dangerous in some roads. Also, the school is in need of redevelopment. Increasing the size of the village by nearly a quarter is hardly going to improve matters.

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

In general terms the policies lack detail and I am very concerned over development on the Green Belt land. Although we are told that only a tiny percentage of the Green Belt will be lost I have no doubt at in a few years time another compelling reason will be produced, so we lose a bit more, and so on. I believe the plan

Response to the Draft Local Plan Consultation 2016 (Regulation 18)

overall to be ill-conceived with its seemingly random scattering of development across the district, rather than focusing on the larger settlements.
