

## 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:

The Council's Corporate Plan 2015/2020 says in it's vision 'We want to maintain and protect access to our open and natural spaces' and 'We want more and better cultural, community and recreational facilities', yet the Local Plan puts forward a number of areas for development that our recreational open spaces, for example Jessel Green, Loughton. The vision for the Local Plan should match the vision from the Corporate Plan.

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:

The existing infrastructure in the District, for example road capacity between Loughton and Epping, car park capacity, public transport, etc, struggles to meet the needs of residents. It therefore seems illogical to increase the density of housing in existing towns, as this would place more pressure on these services. Secondly, I again refer to the Corporate Plan 2015/2020, which states the Council's vision is to 'keep the individual character, identity and seperateness of our towns and villages'. Using open and green spaces for housing developments, especially large scale developments, in our existing towns will not protect their character.

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

**Strongly agree**

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

This is a sensible proposal, rather than the densification of existing towns within the District that fall along the Central Line / M11 corridor. I would prefer this development to be expanded and the character of existing towns in the district to be protected from large scale housing development.

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

Epping?

**Yes**

Buckhurst Hill?

**Yes**

Loughton Broadway?

**Yes**

Chipping Ongar?

**No opinion**

Loughton High Road?

**Yes**

Waltham Abbey?

**Yes**

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

This seems sensible development management policy, based on existing town centres.

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

**Agree**

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

This seems a sensible development management policy.

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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**

Please provide reasons for your view on Loughton:

As commented in my response to the previous questions, the Council's Corporate Plan 2015/2020 makes a number of statements regarding the vision for the authority. A number of these don't appear to be reflected in the proposed sites for Loughton. Specifically, Jessel Green. The Corporate Plan vision states: 'We want to keep the individual character, identity and separateness of our towns and villages' 'We want to maintain and protect access to our open and natural spaces' 'We want more and better cultural, community and recreational

facilities' These abitions are not progressed by the proposed site for housing on Jessel Green, which is an open green space widely used for recreation by local residents.

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**

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:

**There is insufficient detail to offer a useful opinion.**

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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?