

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

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Microlights

Method Survey

Date

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### Survey Response:

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

No opinion

Please explain your choice in Question 1:

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

No opinion

Please explain your choice in Question 2:

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

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

Just be aware that these areas, especially to the south and west of Harlow are sometimes used as low level departure paths by aircraft from North Weald airfield who need to remain below the Stansted local airspace.

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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?

**No opinion**

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?

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

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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 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**

Please provide reasons for your view on North Weald Bassett:

I have run a small business on the airfield for approximately 10 years providing training, including trial lessons, in microlight aircraft. We trade as Saxon Microlights (see <http://www.saxonmicrolights.co.uk/> and <https://www.facebook.com/Saxonmicro>). Due to the generally simple nature of microlight aircraft and their lower operating cost, we are able to offer recreational flying experience to people who would otherwise probably not be able to afford it. Clearly our business and other similar businesses at North Weald rely on the continued success of the airfield for recreational aviation. I have seen a copy of a very full and thoughtful response to the consultation by Mr Archer of S2T Aviation and the North Weald Airfield Users' Group which he sent to the North Weald parish council for their consideration. I understand that he intends to make a similar response direct to this consultation. I know Mr Archer personally from our work at the airfield and respect his views; I urge you to consider his response carefully. From my own point of view, I would encourage you to look particularly at his submissions relating to the encroachment close to the airfield boundary of what appears to be high density residential development which would undoubtedly lead to calls from some new residents for curtailment of routine aviation activity. In particular, I draw your attention to the area under the final approach to runway 30, the "cross runway", which is needed when motoring and similar event close the main North/South runway and also (of particular interest to pilots of lower speed aircraft such as microlights and light general aviation craft) when stronger westerly winds make the cross runway a safer option. Assuming

the earlier decision to retain recreational and heritage aviation at the airfield still stands, the council needs to consider the impact of the proposed housing and the existing airfield would have on each other.

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:

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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?

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