

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:

I feel that the Council is listening to other areas within the district (Chigwell and Buckhurst Hill) but completely ignoring the wishes of North Weald. Furthermore, this is the second consultation on the same subject and in this Draft Local Plan the Council has demonstrated that it does not listen to the people as they were clear in the first one that any development should take place proportionately throughout the whole district rather than excusing some areas and inflicting excess pain on other areas. What confidence can I have in this second consultation that you will listen this time? The support for my response is in Ian White's report of the first consultation (Issues and Options) dated June 2013

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:

We need to protect the green belt and this was clearly confirmed by the electorate in the response to the Issues and Options document in 2012. The number of new dwellings in the District is planned to be 11,290 and North Weald Bassett's share is apparently 1,580 in its centre and another 1,180 on its northern border near Harlow. Mathematically this represents over 24% of the District's new homes and will more than double the size of the village. This is not proportionate but is excessive and unfair in concept and would totally ruin the village feel and create a sprawling town that nobody wants and nobody can get to given the lack of access. The support for my response is in Ian White's report of the first consultation (Issues and Options) dated June 2013

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

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

Harlow wants to expand and they should be allowed to do so including on the land south of their existing border. They are a town and expansion there will simply be growth rather than life changing as in North Weald Village. Although I have fears for the ability of the whole area to cope with increased traffic arising around junction 7 on the M11.

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

Epping?

No

Buckhurst Hill?

No

Loughton Broadway?

No

Chipping Ongar?

No

Loughton High Road?

No

Waltham Abbey?

No

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

Shopping has changed dramatically over the past 20 years or so. On-line shopping is rapidly taking over the retail trade and it seems pointless to even consider the expansion of retail shopping areas in the district unless you want even more restaurants, coffee bars and estate agents who provide the bulk of the shopping experience nowadays that is not conducted in large shopping malls.

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

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

New development of business will not work as there are no proposals to increase access by road or rail. The existing access to North Weald is already difficult and congested and as no additional roads are planned it would not be an attractive place for industrial expansion.

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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:

We chose to move from the outskirts of London to live in a small quiet area of North Weald (...Redacted...) and I am devastated to think that the field backing on to it will contain the dozens of houses in the plan

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:

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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:

There are lots of words about infrastructure in the plan and how to deal with it, probably out of a text book, but no firm proposals on how to deal with existing deficiencies let alone any increase in development, consequently it is not worthy of further comment.

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 believe that almost all of the North Weald Bassett housing expansion should take place at Latton Priory where the sustainability efforts can be incorporated in a large planned development. In North Weald itself there is no provision for cycling, no room on the roads for cycle tracks as the Corporation of London will not allow road widening, no trains and poor bus service. As these are not in detailed in the plan and are not within the Council's duty or ability to provide there is a bleak outlook for our future.

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

All of them

As this draft plan is claimed to be the result of years of work interpreting the wishes of the residents of Epping Forest District and presenting them in a workable plan for the next 17 years or so I believe that it is a dismal failure. It claims to be the residents plan rather than the Council's which is manifestly untrue as far as North Weald is concerned. In fact it appears to be the result of a desktop exercise by a series of consultants who have no knowledge of the area and who have ignored the wishes expressly stated in the first consultation. The support for my response is in Ian White's report of the first consultation (Issues and Options) dated June 2013 I have absolutely no faith at all in this second consultation.

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