

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 agree

Please explain your choice in Question 1:

The strategy of limited use of Green Belt land and utilising brown field sites is good.

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

Agree

Please explain your choice in Question 2:

It is important that infrastructure is in place to support new housing. However just by placing it in existing settlements does not ensure that such infrastructure will be sufficient for the new total population. I am concerned that insufficient attention is being placed on sewage, water, education and health needs. In areas where these facilities are already either inadequate or approaching tipping point new facilities need to be put in place prior to housing being developed.

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

Agree

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

Again I feel that these facilities will not be given the required priority unless it is in a major development. Transportation is currently being reduced in rural areas and there are no footpaths along rural roads to assist with pedestrian traffic. Traffic through the area I live in is gridlocked at peak periods and adding additional

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housing will only exacerbate the situation. Plans to more fully utilise Stansted Airport may result in more rail traffic and further increase the time level crossings stop traffic movements and hence increase congestion.

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

Epping?

Yes

Buckhurst Hill?

No opinion

Loughton Broadway?

Yes

Chipping Ongar?

Yes

Loughton High Road?

Yes

Waltham Abbey?

Yes

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

These are all areas which I visit and value. Local shopping is much more rewarding than shopping in Harlow or travel to other larger centres.

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

Agree

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

Utilisation of existing sites allows mobility between jobs without needing to move house, childrens' schools etc.

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 opinion

Please provide reasons for your view on Theydon Bois:

Roydon (Draft Policy P 9)

No

Please provide reasons for your view on Roydon:

The areas selected seem in the main to have had planning applications previously submitted and to have been rejected (#SR_0169, 0197 and GRT_I_08 at least). The strategy for the local plan was for people to submit potential development areas rather than for them to have been identified centrally. As a result unsuccessful applicants again put forward their projects. This suggests that normal planning criteria will be ignored once the plan is agreed and published. I do not have sufficient knowledge of the other areas in the plan to know if this is common practise. If there is to be development of these sites then normal planning processes must continue and not be rubber stamped. There are no footpaths to support pedestrian access from SR_0197 and 0890 into the village. SR_0035 has already had planning permission granted for fewer properties than

envisaged, what impact does that have? There seems to be no focus on affordable housing for the village. There is a wealth of "executive" homes in the village, but little for couples starting out and for small families.

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?

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 7:

The strategy only appears to apply to larger developments and not to infill. While large developments may plan in new schools, medical centres and other infrastructure there does not seem to be the provision of sufficient facilities to allow additional infill developments. The local appears just to say that it is some other organisation's responsibility to ensure that sufficient facilities exist for growth.

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 couldn't find it.

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

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