

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

Stakeholder ID	4625	Name	Highways England
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Letter or Email Response:

Thank you for consulting us upon your local plan on the 31 October 2016 We welcome the opportunity to input in to your plan. As you are aware Highways England are responsible for maintaining and operating the Strategic Road Network, which within Epping Forests administrate area is the M25 and M11, and just outside the District is the A120. All of these routes are under increasing pressure from traffic growth, this is recognised with in your plan and we welcome the fact that improvements to public transport and sustainability of transport systems feature highly in your plan, which when actuated will go some way to mitigating the impact to traffic by development. It was announced in the Roads Investment Strategy published December 2014 that the M11 Junction 7 would be improved and that the technology along the M11 between Junction 8 and Junction 14, Cambridge would be upgraded, as noted in your plan. Highways England have been working with yourselves, other Districts, Essex and Hertfordshire County Council's on your local plan and there is a memorandum of understanding setting out the authorities positions This will be updated as the plan progresses. Turning to the sites highlighted by the draft Local Plan we have the following comments: Harlow Latton Priory this is likely to have a direct impact upon M11 J7 We will expect the developer to provide a Transport Assessment demonstrating their impact and putting forward suitable mitigation to address their impact. West Summers on its own is unlikely to have a severe impact upon the M11 or its junctions West Katheryn's on its own is unlikely to have a severe impact upon the M11 or its junctions East of Harlow: Development here is likely to have a severe affect upon the M11 and particularly Junction 7. I note these proposals are reliant upon the delivery of a new motorway junction - M11 Junction 7a. Essex County Council have investigated options to improve Harlow's road network. Their strategic options appraisal show that a new junction 7a on the M11 is the optimum solution to overcome these problems. Essex County Council will aim to submit a planning application for Junction 7a by Winter 2016/17. Options for funding are currently be explored. Bucklhust Hill Unlikely to have a severe affect upon the M11 Chigwell May affect M11 J5 We will expect the developer to provide a Transport Assessment demonstrating their impact and putting forward suitable mitigation to address their impact. Chipping Ongar Unlikely to affect the strategic road network Coopers Dale Unlikely to affect the strategic road network Epping This scale of development on its own is unlikely to have a severe effect upon the M11 or M25 Fyfeild Unlikely to affect the strategic road network High Ongar Unlikely to affect the strategic road network Loughton May affect the M11 J5 We will expect the developer to provide a Transport Assessment demonstrating their impact and putting forward suitable mitigation to address their impact. Nazing Unlikely to affect the strategic road network North Weald Basset may have an impact at M11 J7 We will expect the developer to provide a Transport Assessment demonstrating their impact and putting forward suitable mitigation to address their impact. Roydon Unlikely to affect the strategic road network Stappleford Abbots Unlikely to affect

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the strategic road network Sheering Unlikely to affect the strategic road network Theydon Boys Unlikely to affect the strategic road network Thornwood Unlikely to affect the strategic road network Waltham Abbey Development here could affect the M25 junction 25 and J26 I am concerned about the cumulative effect of growth to transportation both locally but also the impact to neighbouring district areas. We will continue to work with Epping Forest District Council, neighbouring districts, Essex County Council, Hertfordshire County Council and developers to consider the potential impact to transportation and to ensure our roads continue to operate. I support proposals for more sustainable transport systems.