

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?

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 1:

This is a loaded question in the way it is worded. I do not agree that the 'needs of the district' have been identified correctly or that you protecting the Green Belt by proposing to build on greenfield sites. I do not believe that the District needs an increase in the number of homes of over 20% in the period 2011-2033.

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

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 2:

A lot of the development for Epping is not within the settlement and will expand the footprint of the town. 'before considering a limited release of Green Belt land' is nothing short of spin! The Green Belt is there for a very good reason, it is a line you should not cross!

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

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

Harlow has lots of under utilised space within it and does not need to expand outwards towards other settlements.

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

Epping?

Yes

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:

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

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

Brownfield sites such as Epping Laundry are being allocated for housing development. They should be kept as employment sites so new ones are not required.

6. Do you agree with the proposed sites in your area?

Epping (Draft Policy P 1):

No

Please provide reasons for your view on Epping:

I disagree with the total of 1633 homes proposed for Epping as it is too high and will drastically alter the immediate environment of current residents. I strongly disagree with proposals to build on Green Belt land on the principle that it should be sacrosanct. There is not enough information on the mix of the types of homes being proposed on each site, just the total number. I particularly disagree with the proposal to build on the Sports Centre site which I and many others use regularly. This would be a major loss of a leisure facility in the town which contributes to the health and wellbeing of the town's residents. Due to its central location most

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residents can walk to it. Relocating it to another settlement area (North Weald has been mentioned) would require driving which is neither healthy or environmentally friendly.

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 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?

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 7:

I find Chapter 6 very vague, nothing is explained or quantified in any way. I believe that the (relatively) new primary school is at or near full capacity, but there is no specific information on provision for future demand.

8. An Interim Sustainability Appraisal has been commissioned to support the Draft Local Plan. We would welcome any comments you may have on this.

Please explain what the Sustainability Appraisal brief is. It would be more appropriate to comment after it has been produced and published.

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