

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 disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 1:

I strongly disagree as the plans area not protecting the green belt - the sites opposite Brooke Rd + Bridge Hill are eroding the green belt and eventually *illegible* join to Theydon Bois. The Infrastructure does not support the proposed housing (people) which will be introduced - contrary to the survey conducted by Arup - doctors surgeries are at capacity and the central line at epping is chocoblock with commuters - parking is a nightmare. Houses would not help jobs in our area - most people would commute - consequently roads/parking/tube increase traffic etc.

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:

Many sites have been disregarded - particularly North of Epping. Green Belt/open fields south of Epping have been accepted as proposed planning areas with disregard to traffic problems/parking/flooding issues/infrastructure/accessibility and Epping as a small market town.

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

Strongly agree

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

Harlow was built as a new town (not an old market town like Epping) with room for expansion. It has an established infrastructure with many amenities which can support future expansion. Far better to expand a new town than destroy the character of small towns and villages in the area.

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

Epping?

No

Buckhurst Hill?

Loughton Broadway?

Chipping Ongar?

Loughton High Road?

Waltham Abbey?

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

The site proposed in Brook Road is too far from Epping for people to access - therefore more infrastructure of building local shops would be needed this creating more green belt being . Redesignated. No plans in place - totally inappropriate for Epping - destroys small market town status.

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

Strongly disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

Most people would not work in Epping most would be commuters - therefore increasing traffic and commuters on central line. Employment sites have already been demolished e.g. old Epping laundry therefore, the policy to build homes to create employment is a *illegible*- businesses are being urged to sell to build houses. Old sites are much better to build house on rather than encroach further on the grene belt land opposite brook rd and bridge full. Short sighted plans!

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:

Sites in Epping would not enhance Epping as a small market town. Arup's survey was completely untrue in that Doctors surgeries /tube/ transport/traffic could support more people. Infrastructure has not been considered

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to support some housing sites. Brook Road is completely unsuitable for 244 houses - the road is at a standstill between the school dropping off / picking up times (Coopersale Hall and Ivy Chimneys schools) bring at either end. The central line tunnel is in the middle on a bad bend - often causing bottle necks. Commuters park all down the road - many residents do not have off road parking - consequently there are many cars being *illegible* horrendous traffic jams/ *illegible* is appalling - plus the motorway is a restriction. Flooding is also a problem (especially if the brook wasn't there).

Loughton (Draft Policy P 2)

Please provide reasons for your view on Loughton:

Waltham Abbey (Draft Policy P 3)

Please provide reasons for your view on Waltham Abbey:

Chipping Ongar (Draft Policy P 4)

Please provide reasons for your view on Chipping Ongar:

Buckhurst Hill (Draft Policy P 5)

Please provide reasons for your view on Buckhurst Hill:

North Weald Bassett (Draft Policy P 6)

Please provide reasons for your view on North Weald Bassett:

North Weald has availability of land - central line could be opened up again to support the commuters who come into Epping - i.e. build a large car park at North Weald/plus housing on old site at back of village hall - airfield. The brook Road, Epping site is completely unsuitable - see enclosed sheet and photograph of 1 day's problems.

Chigwell (Draft Policy P 7)

Please provide reasons for your view on North Weald Bassett:

Theydon Bois (Draft Policy P 8)

Please provide reasons for your view on Theydon Bois:

Roydon (Draft Policy P 9)

Please provide reasons for your view on Roydon:

Nazeing (Draft Policy P 10)

Please provide reasons for your view on Nazeing:

Thornwood (Draft Policy P 11)

Please provide reasons for your view on Thornwood:

Coopersale, Fyfield, High Ongar, Lower Sheering, Moreton, Sewardstonbury, Sheering, Stapleford Abbots (Draft Policy P 12)

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 is no evidence of an infrastructure delivery plan - consultation after the acceptance of delivery of building sites is ridiculous. Arup's survey is a disgrace it is completely false - no infrastructure plans - the roads/central line/doctors/traffic are full to capacity. Flooding is an issue on Brook Rd site Brook Road is at a standstill most days. No thoughts/ plans to access site at Brook Rd. The central line borders one side/the motorway/ another/ a road with a bridge another green belt land encroachment. Infrastructure must be addressed first.

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

Brook Road site needs investigating as it is entirely not suitable for development - after the plans have been approved it is far too late to think about sustainability. Brook Road is not suitable for consideration.

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

The draft plan (based on Arup's findings) is not fit for purpose. Capacity on central line is full. Increased housing in Brook Rd would only increase this - we are too far from the town centre for most residents to access by foot - therefore traffic increases. Most of Eppings character would be lost - thus making it a suburban sprawl - eventually being part of Harlow/London etc. Green Belt opposite Brook Rd being lost - there are other areas which are more suitable.
