

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:

The green belt should be protected as an essential asset to preserving open spaces for recreation and farming and preventing the continual onslaught of urban sprawl. The foot path and the associated ditch, hedges and trees running along the back of the houses in Dukes avenue is a clearly definable green belt boundary. As such should not be extended beyond. A number of the proposed areas are only there because the land owner has made them available; if so this is not a plan but an investment opportunity for the land owners to the detriment of the local residents and visitors to the area. Not much of a 'strategy'? Any encroachment into the Green Belt is a bad idea. once lost it is lost forever to future generations. Development should be focused on areas that are capable of accommodating the proposed expansion

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:

No. Release of green belt land for this proposed extension to Theydon Bois does not appear to be thought through. The current facilities and infrastructure are not capable of accommodating this expansion. It is not sustainable. Theydon Bois does not have the infrastructure or facilities to accommodate the proposed development. Any encroachment into the Green Belt is a bad idea. once lost it is lost forever to future generations. Development should be focused on areas that are capable of accommodating the proposed expansion

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

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

Development should be focused on areas that are capable of accommodating the proposed expansion. Any encroachment into the Green Belt is a bad idea. once lost it is lost forever to future generations.

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

Epping?

No

Buckhurst Hill?

No opinion

Loughton Broadway?

Yes

Chipping Ongar?

No opinion

Loughton High Road?

No opinion

Waltham Abbey?

No opinion

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

Any proposed expansion of retail areas should not be to the detriment of existing retailers within our smaller communities.

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

Strongly disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

No. New employment opportunities should be focused on the larger developments so as not to encourage pressure to expand the smaller communities.

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

Please provide reasons for your view on Theydon Bois:

A number of the proposed areas are only there because the land owner has made them available; if so this is not a plan but an investment opportunity for the land owners to the detriment of the local residents and visitors to the area. Not much of a 'strategy'? The sites are in the Green Belt and should not be built upon. Any encroachment into the Green Belt is a bad idea. once lost it is lost forever to future generations. There is no

good specific necessary reason to build upon the proposed developments. There are no special circumstances for building on the proposed developments.

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:

7. Do you agree with the approach to infrastructure provision being proposed in the plan?

Strongly disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 7:

The school is currently full; the tube line wont be able to cope, the roads can't cope with the traffic as is evident with the congestion through the shops and crossing the bridge at Abridge. And where are all the additional cars going tp park?

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

The tube is already at capacity and will not be able to cope with additional passengers. The car park cannot cope as is evident by the commuter parking on Abridge Road. As referred to in Q7 the local roads will not be able to cope with the additional volume of cars leading to congestion, pollution and worse. The Sustainability Appraisal states that Green Belt land will be (quite rightly) protected. If so; why propose development on Green Belt Land if it is protected? I repeat my earlier comments any encroachment into the Green Belt is a bad idea. once lost it is lost forever to future generations.

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

The Draft Local Plan in its current form is too generic and non- specific. Is is not a very user friendly document and further more the review questionnaire as the means to respond is also not user friendly . One could be forgiven for forming the conclusion that it was made to be so to discourage replies?

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