

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:

Please see my word file upload but my main disagreement and I strongly disagree is the building on the station carparks which reduces an already limited ability for parking and creates much more congestion on the roads in the area. This question talks about an enhanced quality of life but it won't be if all you do is create more congestion in the area.Redacted....

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:

As per my previous comments and the word doc I have uploaded, the approach you have to the Buckhurst hill /Loughton/Debden areas is to build on the station carparks and some small areas of green within the estates making everything much more congested. For Epping and Harlow they have space to expand into surrounding farmland which makes more sense so it would make more sense to continue building from Debden outwards towards Theydon Buys, following the Central line, as previous town planners/ builders have done, using some of the land / farmland adjacent to the railway line rather than concentrate everything in the same area.

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

Agree

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

I don't know Harlow that well but I agree providing you are not using up the car parks within already congested areas or taking away small pieces of green land within housing areas but it looks like with Harlow there is room to expand outwards just using adjacent farmland.

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

Epping?

No opinion

Buckhurst Hill?

Yes

Loughton Broadway?

Yes

Chipping Ongar?

No opinion

Loughton High Road?

No

Waltham Abbey?

No opinion

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

I only have an opinion on Loughton/ Buckhurst Hill / Debden and looking at the proposals I would disagree about the Loughton proposal as the area from Loughton station through to Traps Hill has always been seen as the shopping area of Loughton. There is limited room for any expansion in these areas but the car parks have to stay otherwise any shopping area is pointless because people will not come if they cannot park their car.

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

Agree

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

I agree that there is the potential for certain areas for new employment development but again there is no point in any development if any existing car parking is to be removed.

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

Please provide reasons for your view on Buckhurst Hill:

There is little room for any developement in Buckhurst hill as it is bordered by the Forest on one side and the River Roding flood plain on the other and building on the station car park is ridiculous as there is little car parking space as it is.

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:

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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?

Agree

Please explain your choice in Question 7:

I agree that the community will only work if the right infrastructure is in place. In many cases it is more about the good upkeep of the existing infrastructure Schools/Roads/Carparks etc not just building for building sake.

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 would only add that the crucial aspect about infrastructure is firstly to maintain the current facilities (which currently I don't feel is done to the best of the council's ability) and secondly to identify what is needed to be upgraded and added. Buckhurst Hill station could very easily be opened for disabled access, parents with prams, people with heavy luggage - these are areas that should be addressed not the desire to sell off carparks and cram in expensive flats.

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