

## 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?

No opinion

Please explain your choice in Question 1:

Vision is easy, but quality of life has already deteriorated for many, and there are no signs that EFDC has the will or power to change this.

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

No opinion

Please explain your choice in Question 2:

As an Epping Town resident, I am concerned about the loss of the Town's amenities.

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

No opinion

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

I have insufficient knowledge of Harlow to express opinion.

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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:

I only have real knowledge of Epping Town.

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

Agree

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

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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 am particularly concerned about the loss of Epping Sports Centre. There appears to be a plan to shut both Epping and Ongar Sports Centres and to assume that new a Sports Centre located somewhere midway, perhaps North Weald, will replace them. I consider this would be civic vandalism. Along with hundreds of Epping Town residents of all ages from toddlers to 90+, I regularly walk to Epping Sports Centre, using its facilities every other day. A Sports Centre located outside Epping Town would entail an inconvenient and polluting car or bus journey for me and many others. This would be a massive retrograde step, and flies in the face of current thinking that we should have convenient local sports facilities. So much for fighting obesity and unnecessary car use. I believe that it is crucial that a town of Epping's size, especially when increased as planned, should have easily accessed sports facilities. There is nothing more important than citizens' health. EFDC should be ashamed if Epping Town were to lose its genuine local sports centre. I am also concerned that the current infrastructure is already not fit for purpose, and that increasing housing will further overload it to crisis levels. GP appointments times have become ludicrous, with 4 to 6 weeks waits common. I've seen no signs of the NHS remedying this. Local schools are at full capacity already. Epping Junior School was built relatively recently by Essex CC apparently without regard for increased pupil numbers, a situation that was plain for any citizen to

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see. So trusting ECC to work with the EFDC Local Plan appears foolish. I would expect a guarantee from EFDC that these and other facilities and infrastructure were not only safeguarded, but improved NOW, and not subjects of a woolly 'vision'.

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:

See previous comments. Infrastructure is already failing, yet nothing has been done to remedy this. So it is impossible to truly believe that the proposed plans for the future will actually lead to anything better. We need proper assurances and guarantees from all involved bodies, not rather woolly proposals. EFDC, the NHS, Essex CC and other bodies would need to work seamlessly in conjunction to deliver the plans, and that is fraught with complications and pitfalls. I fear infrastructure death by a thousand cuts. Has the possible detrimental economic impact of Brexit over the next decade been considered?

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8. An Interim Sustainability Appraisal has been commissioned to support the Draft Local Plan. We would welcome any comments you may have on this.
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9. Do you wish to comment on any other policies in the Draft Local Plan?