

## 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 do not agree with the vision as it is simply not possible to achieve - it's a contradiction in itself. You cannot protect the green belt whilst planning to remove some for further human development and the infrastructure those people require when the infrastructures which we currently have do not work for the amount of people using them at present. The human population has grown such that this plan is deciding that the, once protected, green belt needs to be scaled back to accommodate this growth and that this will in fact protect it until 2033. This is a ridiculously short time scale to be planning for and this process just leaves itself open further cuts after that date if we are now saying the green belts are flexible spaces to build on. The continuing mass growth of the human population is one of the greatest threats to our planet and this plan only allows that to continue in our local area. We simply cannot continue to sustain ourselves globally - this is well known so I can't agree with something that is ignoring this as a problem. The general public are well aware that human growth is such a major issue and it's something that our local council could start by not ignoring and instead by setting a precedent for others to follow if they wish to represent the views of the people. We need to urgently look into ways of reducing our population from an educational level through to whatever next steps are necessary to make our own existence sustainable rather than pushing through plans for continued growth.

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:

As above, this is not addressing the problem of our population - simply allowing it to continue.

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

**Strongly disagree**

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

Harlow's too big as it is - we need less people, not more houses.

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

Epping?

**No**

Buckhurst Hill?

**No**

Loughton Broadway?

**No**

Chipping Ongar?

**No**

Loughton High Road?

**No**

Waltham Abbey?

**No**

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

The infrastructures in all of these areas are completely over run as it is. Especially Epping. Anyone who has tried to drive through the main high road already knows this. Unless there are plans to greatly increase the size of the roads in these areas which is only going to further decrease the already carved up green spaces already which people don't want.

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

**Strongly disagree**

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

More human development - ignoring the problem rather than fixing it. Further adding to human and vehicle traffic which the district already cannot handle.

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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:

This area cannot sustain the population that is currently situated there as it is - let alone increasing it by the large numbers which are suggested. The green space that is left behind will only be effected further by the continued human traffic through them with rubbish, fly-tipping etc.

Loughton (Draft Policy P 2)

No

Please provide reasons for your view on Loughton:

This area cannot sustain the population that is currently situated there as it is - let alone increasing it by the large numbers which are suggested. The green space that is left behind will only be effected further by the continued human traffic through them with rubbish, fly-tipping etc.

Waltham Abbey (Draft Policy P 3)

No

Please provide reasons for your view on Waltham Abbey:

Same as above - Waltham Abbey was once a lovely area before it was completely over built upon with affordable housing.

Chipping Ongar (Draft Policy P 4)

No

Please provide reasons for your view on Chipping Ongar:

I lived here about 20 years ago. I looked there for a house before buying my current one 2 years ago and the amount of development there was staggering. Shocking even. How that many people can exist, with more and still the train line hasn't been opened up is beyond me.

Buckhurst Hill (Draft Policy P 5)

No

Please provide reasons for your view on Buckhurst Hill:

As above, everywhere is over populated.

North Weald Bassett (Draft Policy P 6)

No

Please provide reasons for your view on North Weald Bassett:

I thought this one was a practical joke when I first saw it. Same as all the other reasons but you're suggesting building more here - insane!

Chigwell (Draft Policy P 7)

No

Please provide reasons for your view on North Weald Bassett:

Same as the other places.

Theydon Bois (Draft Policy P 8)

No

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Please provide reasons for your view on Theydon Bois:

**Same as the others - lovely area and won't stay that way with the development plans.**

Roydon (Draft Policy P 9)

**No**

Please provide reasons for your view on Roydon:

**Again, nice area - doesn't need expanding upon.**

Nazeing (Draft Policy P 10)

**No**

Please provide reasons for your view on Nazeing:

**Don't even know the area but I know there's too many people there!**

Thornwood (Draft Policy P 11)

**No**

Please provide reasons for your view on Thornwood:

**Busy enough in Epping already without expanding this part just after it.**

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

**No**

Please provide reasons for your view on Coopersale, Fyfield, High Ongar, Lower Sheering, Moreton, Sewardstonbury, Sheering, Stapleford Abbots:

**No, for all the same reasons as above. Lovely little villages which don't need over-populating.**

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

**Strongly disagree**

Please explain your choice in Question 7:

**All of these places are far too stretched already. GPs are completely stretched so we now need to go to pharmacy's to reduce their workload. Transport? Tube, buses and roads are ridiculous. My son goes to a school in Chingford with hundreds of other kids. Hundreds - doesn't that tell us something?!**

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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.

**Our population can't continue to sustain itself at the rate in which it is growing. That's it.**

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

**Was there a policy that involved reducing the population...?**

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