

Epping Forest District Council Representations to the Draft Local Plan Consultation 2016 (Regulation 18)

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Letter or Email Response:

Response to Epping Forest draft Local Plan (Regulation 18) Epping Forest District is to the south east of Hertfordshire. There are four settlements (Lower Sheering, Nazeing, Roydon, and Waltham Abbey) within the District that border Hertfordshire which may potentially result in some cross boundary issues with regard to the provision of school places. HCC are aware that children in Epping Forest District attend primary school in Hertfordshire and vice versa. This dynamic should be considered in the context of both Epping Forest's Local Plan and its school place planning. The development of Epping Forest needs to ensure that sufficient school places are provided in tandem with the proposed housing to prevent additional pressure being placed on existing schools where there are already capacity issues. The settlements that have a close relationship with Hertfordshire are listed below. Lower Sheering and Sheering There are 26 homes proposed in Lower Sheering and 117 homes in Sheering. These communities, particularly Lower Sheering, often look to Sawbridgeworth for school places. For some Essex children living in Lower Sheering, Sawbridgeworth schools are their closest. The housing numbers proposed by Epping Forest District should not have any significant impact on school places in Sawbridgeworth; however it is important to note that East Herts District Council have housing proposals for around 500 new homes in Sawbridgeworth and the existing Sawbridgeworth primary schools are currently full. There is very little expansion potential within these schools. Nazeing 220 homes are proposed in Nazeing. Children from Nazeing look to Broxbourne Borough for a secondary school place. A new secondary school is proposed at Cheshunt in the Broxbourne Local Plan towards the end of the plan period. There is some existing capacity and some expansion potential within existing schools. Roydon 40 homes are proposed at Roydon. This level of growth will have a minimal impact on school places in Hertfordshire. Waltham Abbey 800 residential units are proposed in Waltham Abbey. No new schools in the Waltham Abbey area are proposed in the draft Local Plan. Epping Forest District Council should work closely with Essex County Council to ensure that there are sufficient school places to serve the new development proposed in Waltham Abbey; this would help to avoid putting additional pressure on schools in Waltham Cross in Broxbourne Borough.

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