

## 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?

Agree

Please explain your choice in Question 1:

Priorities: (After 'new homes' being the foremost aim of the whole plan) - Protect Green Belt - Develop infrastructure - Epping Town Council needs to CONTROL change of use on shops, PREVENT change to catering from retail, or there will be no reason to visit Epping town centre.

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

Strongly agree

Please explain your choice in Question 2:

Protect Green Belt and flood prevention meadows

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

Agree

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

Priorities - maintain Green Belt / playing areas / community recreation areas - increase infrastructure and public transport provision in new areas

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

Epping?

Buckhurst Hill?

Loughton Broadway?

Chipping Ongar?

Loughton High Road?

Waltham Abbey?

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

See comments for question 1 relative to Epping and Ongar. I do not use the other shopping areas. To build on car parks at stations and Bakers / Cottis Lane downgrades retail use of Epping Town Centre. Inadequate parking causes lack of footfall in retail area so this plan contributes to DECLINE of retail use in Epping High Street, not protect or encourage it. Residents of newly created housing will take up a proportion of remaining parking, compounding the problem.

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

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

Without new employment (not offices) in Epping area it will deteriorate into a dormitory offering, no shops or employment apart from catering - see previous answers. Do not build on airfield, retain, promote and increase perimeter and brownfield usage.

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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:

See previous comments

Loughton (Draft Policy P 2)

Please provide reasons for your view on Loughton:

Waltham Abbey (Draft Policy P 3)

Please provide reasons for your view on Waltham Abbey:

Chipping Ongar (Draft Policy P 4)

Please provide reasons for your view on Chipping Ongar:

Buckhurst Hill (Draft Policy P 5)

Please provide reasons for your view on Buckhurst Hill:

North Weald Bassett (Draft Policy P 6)

No

Please provide reasons for your view on North Weald Bassett:

**Building on fields East and west of Church Lane will render the flood meadow inadequate - further flooding as in 1990's in North Weald and Thornwood. Footpath from village to church to be protected. Protect and maintain Green Belt**

Chigwell (Draft Policy P 7)

Please provide reasons for your view on North Weald Bassett:

Theydon Bois (Draft Policy P 8)

Please provide reasons for your view on Theydon Bois:

Roydon (Draft Policy P 9)

Please provide reasons for your view on Roydon:

Nazeing (Draft Policy P 10)

Please provide reasons for your view on Nazeing:

Thornwood (Draft Policy P 11)

Please provide reasons for your view on Thornwood:

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

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?

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 7:

Totally insufficient

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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.

If this questionnaire represents a genuine collection of views expressed by residents to be properly reviewed and considered, not simply a formality as a paper exercise, the integrity of Epping as a town centre for RETAIL NOT CATERING, needs to be improved. It is already lost as an employment centre.

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