

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

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Letter or Email Response:

Thank you for consulting with the London Borough of Redbridge on the Epping Forest District Local Plan. The Council welcomes the opportunity to work collaboratively with Epping Forest to ensure that strategic priorities are coordinated across borough boundaries. We are generally supportive of the vision and priorities laid out, in particular those pertaining to the delivery of new homes for Epping. The Council recognises the challenges involved in trying to close the gap in terms of OAN. We support the Council's hierarchical approach to altering Green Belt boundaries in order to facilitate the delivery of the strategic sites identified in Draft Policy SP 3. The Council's evidence base, carried out in line with the NPPF, supports this approach. As part of Redbridge's Local Plan process, the Council is also proposing to release land from the Green Belt which no longer meets the role and function of Green Belt to meet the borough's OAN. The London Borough of Redbridge (LBR) is satisfied that the plans for Epping District as a whole, and in particular development proposals for Chigwell which neighbours Redbridge, will not have a negative impact on our future vision and priorities, and that there are no cross-boundary issues. The Council acknowledges further work is required to establish the detailed infrastructure requirements to support site allocations in the draft Plan. These will include highways and transport infrastructure, schools, health, open space and green infrastructure provision which will be set out in a detailed Infrastructure Delivery Plan. We welcome further joint working on this. Central line capacity is an issue for both Epping and Redbridge. We would welcome the opportunity to continue an open dialogue with you on this issue, working collaboratively with TfL on their Central Line improvement plans, to assess the implications for accommodating growth. Please let us know if you require any further information at this stage. We look forward to further future co-operation with you throughout production of your Local Plan.

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