

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?

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 1:

You cannot protect the green belt whilst building on it. You need green spaces around towns and villages for mental and physical well being. If you build on car parks there will be more people using the tube and even less space to park. The roads around Theydon already have commuter parking. More people living here will mean more pressure on hospitals/doctors' surgeries and schools. Why not build on the brown field sites instead?

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

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 2:

You are building on green belt land which is meant to remain green for farms growing produce and for relaxation and education purposes for the well being of everyone.

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

No opinion

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

I am not familiar with Harlow. But if you started to expand you would have to improve the links between and around the new town.

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

Epping?

No opinion

Buckhurst Hill?

No opinion

Loughton Broadway?

No

Chipping Ongar?

No opinion

Loughton High Road?

No

Waltham Abbey?

No opinion

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

Loughton and Debden, you are planning on building on all the last green open spaces, even on the car parks. Debden needs its open spaces - this was how the new town was planned with a vision that the residents would have somewhere to relax

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

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

Build employment opportunities on existing brown field sites, rather than the green belt. There is no infrastructure to connect the two (green and brown belt) and creating the infrastructure will in itself continue to diminish the green belt. As fast as you expand building sites, the population increases putting further pressure on other green belt sites. Improve the broadband speeds so that employed and self employed people can work from home instead.

6. Do you agree with the proposed sites in your area?

Epping (Draft Policy P 1):

No opinion

Please provide reasons for your view on Epping:

Loughton (Draft Policy P 2)

No

Please provide reasons for your view on Loughton:

You plan to build on green belt land, green spaces and previously covenanted land, reducing parking, increasing pressure upon schools, hospitals, doctors surgeries, the tube and local traffic and eliminating recreational space for leisure activities for those who do not work during the week and for those who do work and wish to relax at the weekend.

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

Please provide reasons for your view on Theydon Bois:

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recreational space for leisure activities for those who do not work during the week and for those who do work and wish to relax at the weekend.

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:

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

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 7:

For Loughton and Theydon Bois, the character of these places is being destroyed. Have the council considered the impact of infrastructure, particularly water where in some years we have hose pipe bans. In Theydon Bois we have power cuts at least once per week. We are regarded as low priority on the grid system and I can imagine that this will get worse if you build on the fields around the village. If you build on the car park in Theydon, I cannot imagine how the new residents would get any sleep. The access to the station would be seriously reduced with consideration to the parking problems. Loughton is so congested with traffic now compared to ten, twenty and thirty years ago. The infill has continued apace changing the look and feel of these places. Where would you build the new schools to cover the new houses? Would the NHS be given more budget to cover the increased population. NHS trusts already run at a deficit!

8. An Interim Sustainability Appraisal has been commissioned to support the Draft Local Plan. We would welcome any comments you may have on this.

I do not think the plans are sustainable. For example, transport: The tube is packed at Epping. At Theydon Bois we go one stop to Epping to get a seat on the train to London! Otherwise we stand for 45 to 60 minutes. Schools, the local primary school has a shared teacher over two years, perhaps due to lack of funding with class sizes full. So where is the budget to cover extra qualified staff? Add to that the pressure on health care and transport links, then you can see that the plan does not look sustainable. For Theydon Bois, being a small village, even with a larger population (23% increase), we would still need to shop elsewhere for the bigger shops

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

I am not clear how you plan to protect green belt land that already has buildings built on it. Or is the logic that it does not matter now because the land is used and therefore becomes residential or brown belt and therefore over time houses or shops become (ugly) high rise flats e.g. Debden Broadway. Debden once had a rural feel but with the expansion (wider and higher) of the Debden industrial estate and surrounding areas and general road widening, it is no longer green and is not a relaxing place.
