

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 disagree because the whole area is under strain already. The plans to knock down sports clubs, car parks and lose valuable green belt just to sell land to build more houses will not help. Currently the transport is already maxed out. Inadequate bus services and of course the over crowded central line which is already worse than cattle trucks. Epping just cannot take this amount of housing. Once the plans to expand North Weald and Harlow hit also the transport into London will be chaos and dangerous. On another note, the GP services are also maxed out. Getting an appointment comes down to having to wait for a doctor to phone you which sometimes doesn't even happen. It's a joke here already so adding more people is certainly going to make every residents lives a lot worse. It will not make it better. The traffic and parking are also horrendous. We moved into a house in the area to be close to Ivy Chimneys school for our planned family and that we are in the catchment area. **Redacted** The plans to put so many "dwellings " either side of this school spells a nightmare for all local families and more chaos on the roads to get to other schools. It should not be allowed. We should also not build on open farmland and green belt spaces. There must be so much land that isn't green belt closer in Central London. Please preserve our space for local wildlife.

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:

It seems like Epping, North Weald and Theydon have been allocative too many houses. Would it not be possible to create a new town in lower density parts of the district to retain the character and keep the extra pressure off of these towns.

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

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

This is still green belt land. We need to keep this land for our future generations. The whole area is under pressure for the reasons I listed in question 1.

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

Epping?

No opinion

Buckhurst Hill?

No opinion

Loughton Broadway?

No opinion

Chipping Ongar?

No opinion

Loughton High Road?

No opinion

Waltham Abbey?

No opinion

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

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

Agree

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

It's always good to have more places to work for our future generations.

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:

As in question 1. This simply puts too much strain on the transport network and doctors surgeries. The green belt boundaries were set up and agreed to years ago. By breaking this now, how far will it go in the future?

Loughton (Draft Policy P 2)

No opinion

Please provide reasons for your view on Loughton:

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

Please provide reasons for your view on North Weald Bassett:

Adding to the ongoing central line problems and destruction of green belt land.

Chigwell (Draft Policy P 7)

No opinion

Please provide reasons for your view on North Weald Bassett:

Theydon Bois (Draft Policy P 8)

No opinion

Please provide reasons for your view on Theydon Bois:

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

Please provide reasons for your view on Thornwood:

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This is still on the central line and part of the Epping community. We must stop our doctors surgery from getting worse.

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?

Agree

Please explain your choice in Question 7:

There isn't a sufficient plan put in place to insure the transport will improve. Removing and building on the station car park will spell so many problems for the town centre and the surrounding residential streets. Epping already supports all the local area with its station including many people driving from Harlow and North Weald etc. There is no evidence to say where additional infrastructure will be placed. Once the sports centres are demolished for more houses, where will new ones be built? I am concerned that more green belt land will be used.

8. An Interim Sustainability Appraisal has been commissioned to support the Draft Local Plan. We would welcome any comments you may have on this.
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9. Do you wish to comment on any other policies in the Draft Local Plan?

TfL have stated that there are capacity issues further into london. Simply put. Adding this level of new housing along the Epping end will no doubt make things much worst. H1 housing mix has not been explained adequately. 40% of proposed properties to be affordable housing takes the level way above the requirement stated. The plan doesn't add up and equates to being false in many areas.
