

## 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:

There is a proposal for a huge build on Green belt land in the district. This would be detrimental to the area as a whole. In Ongar where I live the amount of housing suggested if built would transform the town from a market town into a sprawling mess. With very little new infrastructure being proposed the existing services would be expected to cope with a huge and disproportionate increase in the number of residents in the town. The new comprehensive school is already oversubscribed, Chipping Ongar primary is full and the new health centre has very long waiting lists.

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:

see above. Also the sites proposed are valuable green lungs for the town. The Bowes field site is one such space. The intensity of housing being proposed will cause huge traffic problems in a town that is already at breaking point when it comes to traffic flow. The site is also a valuable piece of land that soaks up rainfall and stops excessive water flowing into the Cripsey Brook. No artificial scheme is proposed and unlike North Weald we don't have a plan for flood alleviation. Build here and Ongar would flood. The site along the A414 adjacent to Bowes Field is a site where I think housing could be put without causing too much damage. The fact that there is no surface run off plan for Ongar is a big flaw in the whole plan for a town that floods so easily. Any new build would increase surface run off and to leave this in the hands of developers would be a ludicrous decision.

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

**No opinion**

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

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

Epping?

**No opinion**

Buckhurst Hill?

**No opinion**

Loughton Broadway?

**No opinion**

Chipping Ongar?

**Yes**

Loughton High Road?

**No opinion**

Waltham Abbey?

**No opinion**

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

Retailers are under huge pressure to make their businesses work. Pressure from the internet and from business rates. The town centre must be looked after.

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

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

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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 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**

Please provide reasons for your view on Chipping Ongar:

As above. But also to demolish the Sports Centre and build 24 houses on the site is ridiculous. There are nearly 6000 people and preventative medicine in the form of physical activity is vital. To build a central sports

centre in the district would discourage residents from taking part in such activities and increase car use - in a district whose roads are already clogged.

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 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 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:

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

Please explain your choice in Question 7:

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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.

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

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You have a picture of a diesel locomotive run by Epping Ongar Railway. This is ironic as in adjacent paragraphs you talk of air quality. Fumes from the diesel trains are a big problem for residents in Ongar and North Weald who live near to the stations. They should be discontinuing their use of diesel powered trains. Doctors against Diesel have said that over 9000 Londoners die prematurely from fumes, namely pm10s and pm2.5 from diesel engines. The air quality in Ongar is already below EU air quality standards. All diesel rail should be actively discouraged not promoted.

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