

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:

The vision is admirable, however I object to and disagree with some of the specific proposals and wonder how the council is going to be able to back up this vision.

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:

I object to the so called limited release of green belt land. Building on open spaces within the bounds of the Loughton district does not take into account the increased pressure on the roads, tube and bus network as well as increased pressure on the council to deliver highways, waste and street cleansing services.

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

Agree

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

There appears to be the required space for development as well as a good network of roads, access to the trains and a good bus network.

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

Epping?

Yes

Buckhurst Hill?

Yes

Loughton Broadway?

Yes

Chipping Ongar?

Yes

Loughton High Road?

No opinion

Waltham Abbey?

Yes

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

Ensuring residents of all of our towns have access to local shops and amenities is essential and the more the council can do to help promote these to residents and visitors, all the better for the local economy.

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

No opinion

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

I am unsure that other services would be able to sustain expansion, however I do feel that development of employment is important.

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:

Loughton and Debden will become an urban jungle and look like an inner city suburb instead of the pleasant green and open areas the area is known for. There is inadequate provision for infrastructure, namely the

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increased volume of cars on our already busy small roads. A bus network that has decreased year on year with an unreliable timetable and an overstretched underground that is already full to capacity at rush hour.

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 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:

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

Strongly disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 7:

In the last 35 years, several schools have closed (Fairmead, The Brook, Luctons/Epping Forest, Buckhurst Hill Boys to name a few), St Margarets Hospital has seen its A&E close and doctors surgeries are oversubscribed.

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

As a resident of Loughton for approx. 70 years, I object to our green spaces being turned into urban jungles and much needed car parks being taken over. Visitors and residents need access to the shopping centres. There would be inadequate parking in the High Road if Traps hill car park becomes housing.

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

D3 & DM16

On Utilities and in particular, Thames Water, the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (www.ceh.ac.uk) state that by 2020 demand is forecast to outstrip supply by 133 million litres of water per day. Thames Water states the Thames Basin is one of the most intensively used water resource systems in the world. How can the council support an increase in homes when water is a basic necessity for all of us (World Health Organisation).

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The RAC 'Car ownership in Great Britain' (David Leibling, October 2008, for RAC Foundation) states "there is now nearly one car for everyone with a driving licence. Projections using different assumptions suggest a further growth of 30% by 2020". Furthermore "car ownership has risen from 19 million in 1971 to over 31 million in 2007 with an average growth of 3% per annum". "Over 77% of households have a car. Households with two or more cars is at approx. 44%". "In 2011 there were on average 12 cars per 10 households (Office for National Statistics, 2011 Census). So you propose to build on car parks!"
