

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

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### Survey Response:

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

Please explain your choice in Question 1:

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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:

The plans are a short term solution and have disregarded the needs of any community ie. Green accessible , safe open spaces that provide recreation ,sport,social activities the community use daily . Research proves / Government promotes and there are numerous personal accounts that state this is essential for mental and physical well being , combating loneliness , allowing children /young people to have a safe place without cost to be active . This supports and leads to a'healthy, inclusive 'community supporting parents , people new to the area ( and indeed the country) older people who find themselves alone, people with health issues - all in danger of becoming isolated . Houses are needed , we all agree but as population increases there is a greater need to hold on to the 'park like spaces ' which is key to keeping Debden a safe , low crime ,no serious 'gang 'like problems that the whole community is proud of.

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

**Agree**

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

Harlow has a town park , leisure facilities etc that provide that so important hub of a community. There are numerous employment opportunities with developed links to Stansted ( where there are skills shortages) and

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potential of even more new business and industry. Plenty of employment , training and recreational opportunities for an increased population.

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

Epping?

Yes

Buckhurst Hill?

Yes

Loughton Broadway?

Yes

Chipping Ongar?

No opinion

Loughton High Road?

No opinion

Waltham Abbey?

Yes

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

New retail plans should carefully consider the independant and small , medium business . But with careful planning they should compliment each other larger retailers will bring shoppers into the area and small , independents should be encouraged and supported so they can offer alternative , personal shopping and let the towns maintain character . No one will want just another retail park full of all the big names - we go to Westfield for that.

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

Strongly agree

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

I have not looked at the detail of employment development. But would consider employment , training and job creation to be a priority and would like to see schemes where our SME's are supported and incentivised to provide this.

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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**

Please provide reasons for your view on Loughton:

For the reasons referred to earlier to take away Debden's 'parks' large green spaces will be detrimental to the community as a whole and the situation will worsen as the population grows. I honestly believe the impact on the area will manifest as poorer mental and physical health, higher crime and troubled families if young people cannot get out and play safely, greater isolation and loneliness of our elderly residents or people with health or disability issues. At present I would think everyone on the Debden Estate is within 10 minutes walk of a beautiful green, safe, friendly space where they can and do- meet friends, make new friendships, look out for each other and support each other, young people/families play cricket, football, have picnics without cost. In addition to organised activities. Do not underestimate the importance of this !!!

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**

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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?