

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 do not agree with the overall vision that the Draft Local Plan sets out for Epping Forest District, especially regarding Waltham Abbey. I do not believe that it will ensure enhanced quality of life for people. Some examples regarding the loss of quality of life are the removal of the Community Centre & Local Parking. Ref :- Chapter 3/ Draft Local Plan. 1.) Abbey Gardens Parking. Housing Site (Proposal). Lee Valley Regional Park Vision. "The vision to be accessible and permeable, integrated visitor attraction to serve the region which will include local communities". It's not very accessible with reduced parking. 2.) Waltham Abbey Community Centre. Housing Site (Proposal). The Draft Vision for the District. " By 2033 Epping Forest District will be a place where residents continue to enjoy quality of life". & Draft Plan Objectives - Economic Development. " To encourage the growth of local businesses and start ups, through supporting home-working, provision of a range of flexible and affordable business facilities". The Waltham Abbey Community Centre is a charity run business at the heart of the community, that promotes and provides affordable facilities to local independent community groups, which enhances quality of life.

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

Please explain your choice in Question 2:

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

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?

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?

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

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

Please provide reasons for your view on Waltham Abbey:

I do not agree with all the proposed sites in Waltham Abbey. 1.) I cannot see how removing our Fire Station will enhance quality of life or indeed the safety of the residents in Waltham Abbey. 2.) I cannot see how removing The Waltham Abbey Community Centre, which caters for many groups ranging from Fitness Clubs to a Preschool and even an over 60's Lunch Club as well as Family Functions, will enhance our quality of life in Waltham Abbey. It is the founding principle of The Waltham Abbey Community Centre to provide affordable rents to local groups / small businesses. I must say I am quite bemused as to why The Waltham Abbey

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Community Centre is even on the Draft Local Plan as it has around 17 years still on it's Lease. I also think provisional construction dates should have been noted on the Draft Local Plan. As The Waltham Abbey Community Centre is a functioning business, without a provisional construction date, local people may think it's closure could be in the non to distant future. This could really effect business not enhance it's growth.

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:

I do not agree with the approach to the infrastructure provision being proposed in the plan. I do not believe that enough information regarding infrastructure has been given at this time to make an informed decision on The Draft Local Plan. It does mention the possible relocation and expansion of Princess Alexandra Hospital in Harlow, including possible sites, but as far as I could see there was no mention of an exact replacement provision for the Waltham Abbey Fire Station. It only mentioned that it would be looked at. The same can be said about how the utilities will be expanded to keep up with the growth in population. I couldn't see anything regarding a replacement, let alone a central replacement, for The Waltham Abbey Community Centre. There are also questions regarding expansion of schools. It mentions in Chapter 6 of The Draft Local Plan 6.18 that for large developments, where the need for a new school is identified it should be provided on site to meet the needs of the new population. For smaller developments which do not themselves generate sufficient demand for a new school but which put pressure on existing establishments, financial contributions towards new expanded or improved off site facilities will be sought. It does not mention how our present schools will be expanded or where any new schools will be built. We know a new swimming pool will be built in Waltham Abbey but will it be operational before the Roundhills pool is closed? Finally regarding the Waltham Abbey Community Centre. In Chapter 6 of The Draft Local Plan 6.30, it mentions how Community, Leisure & Culture facilities make a vital contribution to the social & economic life of a community particularly in rural areas. They are often especially important to elderly people and those who do not have access to transport e.t.c. It also mentions the loss of such facilities through redevelopment and change of use is detrimental to the fabric of communities and should be resisted.

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?