

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?

Strongly disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 1:

The current roads in Epping are unable to cope with the current level of use. On our road alone,Redacted...., Gridlocks are common place, abusive language is frequently used, shouting matches and stand off situations are a daily occurrences. Our car has been hit by passing traffic on several occasions. I have really contacted the council about this, but have been told this is a police matter. In addition, we have serious parking issues, cars blocking our drive and commuters using our road to park on during the week to then walk to the tube.Redacted.... is very narrow and not many houses have driveways so there is always a constant line of parked cars. Effectively, Making it a single lane road. But it is a two way road. I have had many occasions when I have not been able to get on or off my drive due to cars blocking it. Even if I can drive off straight, the road is too narrow to turn within. I have missed meetings and been late due to this. Some cars park right across our dropped curb. So I try to park on the road only, but there is not always a space and it reduces spaces for traffic to pull in to, to enable cars to pass. In addition, Our road is used as a rat run. We have speeding cars dangerously flying down the road. Also, there is school traffic which adds even further to the congestion in the morning and the evenings. Plus it is a dangerous road for school children to walk along. We are in the ivy chimneys school catchment area, but we are already being told it is very difficult to get into the school, even though we are a few minutes walk from the school. How is more housing going to help the situation? Our doctors surgery, the limes, is over subscribed, with waiting times going into the hours and it is very hard to get an appointment within a month. Brook road regularly floods, so again, demonstrating how it is not appropriate for more houses in this area. The high street is very challenging to park in. So again, with more housing, this will be even harder for local residents. The field opposite brook road and ivy chimneys is part of our green belt. Building a mass of new houses on this spoils the market town charm of Epping, reduces the green belt impacting wildlife and walkers. The tube is already full in the mornings and evenings. Plus the tube car park is full by 7 am. More housing will put even more pressure on Epping tube station.

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

Strongly agree

Please explain your choice in Question 2:

The council has identified multiple green belt sites to build on in the Epping area. So I do not agree that the council is maximising settlement opportunities in existing settlement areas. Also, I do not agree that the council are looking at the local infrastructure, services and amenities available and their ability to cope with the number of new houses proposed. Local residents need to be listened to. As there are many challenges in place today. Adding more housing will just add to these and make the area less desirable and less enjoyable

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

No opinion

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

I am not aware of the Harlow plans, But I do believe Harlow is better set up to take more housing compared to a very Small market town like Epping. Harlow has two main line train service stations, m11 road links, and a large purpose built road infrastructure to support more development and more housing.

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

Epping?

No

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?

Strongly disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

No, the plans offer very limited local employment opportunities compared to the housing available today. Let alone compared to the town population if all of the planned new housing sites are agreed for development. Epping has a local community spirit which the church is at the heart of. The new housing will make Epping a commuters town - I can see the new housing is likely to be filled by commuters whom are working in the city and will use the tube network to get into London, or whom work in large cities in the surrounding areas.

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 mentioned, brook road cannot cope with the volume of traffic it has today, let alone the volume of traffic it would have with hundreds of houses built in the fields opposite. In addition, the road doesn't have enough parking and not many houses have driveways, so the road is constantly congested, gridlocked and even though it is a two way road, the parked cars take up one side of the road, effectively making it a one lane road with limited pulling in sites for oncoming queues of traffic. It is used as a rat run by speeding cars. Morning and evening work/school traffic make the situation even worse. Delays of 5 to 20 minutes are common place, twice a day, just to get off ones drive. If the driveway has not been blocked in by parked vehicles. The ivy chimneys school is already oversubscribed and the roads are dangerous for school children to walk to and from school. The doctors surgery is oversubscribed - waiting times runs into the hours and you rarely can get a pre booked appointment within the month.

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 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)

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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:

What is available today isn't enough to support the current population. So any new additional amenities and services are needed to support current residents and are no way sufficient to support another few thousand residents

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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These sites are restricted by the m25, the tube, water/brook, and the current brook road and ivy chimneys road and housing. Building on these sites is going to put pressure on already congested and overpopulated road systems, schools and rail services. The residents in our road are already unhappy with the level of road rage and delays due to congestion that we have to tolerate. It is impacting our quality of life and the proposed building on the fields opposite where we live is only going to make it worse. Their council is not maintaining the roads today - there are potholes, sink holes, flooding, no parking bays, no double yellow lines, no speed cameras, no road bumps, it is two way, it is used as a rat run, it is used for commuters to park for the station and local residents need to park on the road as not many houses have driveways. The road is very narrow on brook road especially, so passing traffic cannot pass. Adding more traffic to this road would bring the entire road to standstill all day. even when I am parked on my drive, I am often unable to drive and turn out of the drive due to parked cars so close to my dropped curb, either side.

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