

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?

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 1:

All sounds exemplary BUT is highly dependent on where and how intense is the development. It states only infrastructure development and makes no mention of enhancing the community's green spaces/environment for the enjoyment of its inhabitants.

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:

This is development in areas which are already highly developed on land which enhances the leafy environment which is essential for health of the people who (especially in Loughton/Debden) live between 2 major motorways as well as aesthetically. There is a lot of brownfield land which should be considered first (such as Clinton Cards site in Debden), in Langston Road, etc as well as green space which is not suitable for community use. These should be used first rather taking away public open spaces and needed car parking and building in an already congested area. There is also no mention of the planning of new Garden Villages just. Developing these would make far more sense and be far more environmentally and health-friendly than building in already over-crowded towns such as Loughton and Debden.

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

No opinion

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

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

Epping?

No opinion

Buckhurst Hill?

No opinion

Loughton Broadway?

No

Chipping Ongar?

No opinion

Loughton High Road?

No

Waltham Abbey?

No opinion

Please explain your choice in Question 4:

In general, higher commercialisation of the sites without adequate provision of roads and parking is a nightmare for local residents. The lack of parking adversely affects the shops that are already here and the retail/commercial use affects homeowners' use of their properties, increases road traffic, and because of lack of parking, increases legal and illegal parking on or near homes.

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

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

As I disagree with the increase of commercial and retail properties in areas of residential use, I have to disagree with this statement.

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:

The areas proposed for new housing will exacerbate the already crowded conditions in many parts of the area and will completely change it from one of being a (just) suburban to a highly urbanized environment. Taking away green spaces which are used as playing fields, for exercise or just providing much needed open space in a congested area to shove in more housing will greatly devalue the area. Other brownfield land (such as Clinton Cards site, run-down bits of other sites, etc) should be considered first. In addition, there's plenty of green space which isn't used for public activities because of being hilly or is privately owned, which should be considered first. In addition, new garden villages don't feature in the Plan and they should be considered before squeezing

lots of new housing in an already congested town. Also, sadly, no consideration has been made or indication that traffic congestion or availability of schools and infrastructure matters have been addressed.

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?

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 7:

Taking away education covenants where schools, playing fields, etc could be built on and cramming children into already over-crowded schools where playing fields are taken away in order to add to existing buildings, is, frankly, insane as well as being short-sighted. This area is already over-crowded and roads can't support the current traffic and I don't believe proposals in the Plan are adequate and will not support the increase in population and road users. Also, building on the few parking spaces Loughton currently has and increasing commercial/retail use will only exacerbate the situation. There aren't currently sufficient GP surgeries and with my own surgery finding it near impossible to recruit new doctors, I can't see how increasing the population will help or how the Plan will address this and other NHS problems.

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?