

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:

No. It does not protect the Green Belt, it makes the boundaries of the Green Belt unclear.

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:

No. There is no support to back up the need for new houses in and around Theydon Bois. There is no reason why there should be developments in all settlements in the District and this is not in line with the EFDC or the Government.

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

Disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

This development is still affecting the protection of the green belt. However, I agree that it is more sustainable for developments to be focused around towns.

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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?

Strongly disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

No. Employment development should be focused on larger towns. Due to the Green Belt restrictions it is likely that only the housing developments will go ahead.

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 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

Please provide reasons for your view on Theydon Bois:

The site location has not been chosen based sustainable development, just on land being available from the owners. There will be harm to the Green Belt boundaries and the "village envelope".

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:

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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:

There is no requirement for infrastructure. The new housing just creates more problems and the need for infrastructure, which is not currently required.

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

Regarding Theydon Bois, the Sustainability appraisal states "to enable sufficient sites to be considered to maximise existing sustainable transport links within the settlement". The transport links do not need maximising. The underground is already at full capacity and carriages are often full by the time they leave Theydon Bois. New development will make this even more over-crowded on the tubes and in the station and cause more traffic on the roads from people trying to access the station. The development sites in villages is not sustainable, as the villages rely on larger towns for shopping and other amenities. Therefore, causing more traffic and people on the roads in order to get to these places. Special circumstances are needed in order to encroach on Green Belt sites and the need for housing is not classed as a special circumstance.

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

The policies lack clear detail for the residents to fully understand the development. Nothing is stated that ensures the character of Theydon Bois will be protected.

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