

## 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:

\* No details are given as to what level of infrastructure and services such as medical centres and schools will be provided to support increased housing - or who will be paying for it. \* New housing needs seem to be to cater for people who would like to move to the area, rather than for families who already live here. \* Building over sports facilities and parks will not enhance the quality of life for the people of Epping. It will, of course, be detrimental to current residents and future generations. \* It is my understanding that green belt sites are under consideration as potential building sites - I don't understand therefore, how 'the vision' is protecting Green Belt.

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:

\* 'Release of Green Belt land' Outrageous! Green Belt has been in place since the 1950s - we owe it to future generations to protect green spaces from urban sprawl. \* There are many areas of housing that were built quickly after the war, that could be resigned to offer more housing of a higher quality, rather than building on Green Belt. \* Having looked at the plan, it does not appear that housing has been distributed fairly amongst existing settlements. Epping, Theydon Bois and North Weald seem to have been allocated the largest share. Interesting that these towns and villages are likely to see building companies reap the highest profit.

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

**Strongly disagree**

Please explain your choice in Question 3:

\* Proposed sites are likely to be build on Green Belt land. \*All sites should be planned in this way - why are Harlow sites the only ones being given such careful consideration? \*Travel to London from Harlow is very expensive for commuters - many are likely to come to Epping to use the already overcrowded underground.

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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:

\* Plans are not clear, so it is not possible to have a clear opinion

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

**Strongly disagree**

Please explain your choice in Question 5:

Local feedback suggests that existing employment sites are under pressure from planners to be reallocated as housing. This is at odds with the Local Plan.

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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:

\* Many of the proposed sites would mean building over sports facilities that are used by the local community.  
As a nation becoming increasingly unhealthy, what message does this send to our children? \* The traffic in

Epping is already an issue - some proposed sites are close to traffic 'hotspots'. More homes - more cars - traffic would be at a stand still.

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)

**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:

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7. Do you agree with the approach to infrastructure provision being proposed in the plan?

Strongly disagree

Please explain your choice in Question 7:

**\*The draft Local Plan doesn't include an Infrastructure Delivery Plan?**

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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?

**\* Within any town or village, there will always be a need for additional housing as the population grows. However, the number of new 'dwellings' being proposed seems to be catering for people who would like to move to the area rather than to cope with the local population as it increases. \* there are areas within local towns and village that could be resigned to provided more and better quality housing, rather than building on green spaces. \* Facilities such as the sport's centre and the cricket field/sports club in Lower Bury Lane should be protected. Green Belt should be protected for future generations - they should benefit from open spaces as we have done.**

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