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Dear Sir / Madam

Draft Epping Forest District Local Plan consultation – 31 October 2016 - 12 December 2016

Epping Forest District Council will be consulting on its new Draft Local Plan, from the **31 October 2016 until 5pm on the 12 December 2016**. This will be a 'Regulation 18' consultation¹. The new Local Plan will provide a robust planning framework to guide and manage future development in Epping Forest District in accordance with relevant legislation and national planning policy.

We are writing to notify you of the consultation and invite you to respond, as your input is vital in the production of our new Local Plan. We would like to know your views on the Draft Local Plan as prepared, and whether you feel any issue is not adequately covered.

Further details on the Draft Local Plan can be found on our consultation website at: www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/planningourfuture. Public exhibitions will be taking place at:

- North Weald Village Hall on Saturday 5 November 2016 between 10am – 2pm;
- Lopping Hall, Loughton on Monday 7 November 2016 between 3.30pm – 8pm;
- Chigwell Hall, Chigwell on Tuesday 8 November 2016 between 3.30pm – 8pm;
- Budworth Hall, Ongar on Wednesday 9 November 2016 between 3.30pm – 8pm;
- Epping Hall, Epping on Friday 11 November 2016 between 3.30pm – 8pm; and
- Waltham Abbey Town Hall on Monday 14 November 2016 between 3.30pm – 8pm.

A series of static information points will also be available throughout the consultation period, subject to venue opening times. Please visit the consultation website for further details.

A list of 'Frequently Asked Questions', and answers, can be found at: www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/planningourfuture/faqs/.

Once the consultation begins on the 31 October 2016, we would ask you to **please make your comments electronically via the online questionnaire available on the website**. This can be found at: <http://eppingforest.consultationonline.co.uk/feedback/>.

¹ The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 - <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/767/regulation/18/made>

However, if you cannot use the online questionnaire, we will also accept comments via email to LDFConsult@eppingforestdc.gov.uk, or to the postal address at the top of this letter.

If you choose to respond to the consultation, we will acknowledge receipt of your comments, and this will include your reference number. It would be appreciated if you could quote this in future correspondence. Any individual responding to the consultation will automatically be kept involved as the Local Plan process continues. Please note that we are required to make all responses to the consultation public, and therefore cannot keep your responses confidential. A summary of the consultation findings will be published on the Council's website after the consultation period has closed.

Please let us know if you do not wish to receive any further correspondence in relation to the Epping Forest District Local Plan and we will remove your details from our consultee database.

If you have any questions, please contact us using the email address or telephone number at the top of this letter.

Yours faithfully

Planning Policy Team
Epping Forest District Council