

## Contact details

If you would like to be added to our Core Planning Strategy database or entered into the prize draw to win a meal for four at a restaurant in the district please complete the contact details section below. The closing date is 7 January 2011.

Name

Address

Postcode

email

- Tick this box if you wish to remain informed of progress with the Core Planning Strategy and future consultations.  
 Tick this box if you wish to be entered into the prize draw.

## Equal opportunities

In order to help ensure our services meet all the needs of our community we would be grateful if you would complete the general questions below. You do not have to provide this information and it will be kept strictly confidential if you do.

1 Are you male / female?  Male  Female

2 How old are you?  Under 18  18-25  26-35  36-45  
 46-55  56-65  66-75  76+

3 To which of these groups do you consider you belong?

- |   |   |  |   |
|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> White British                    | <input type="checkbox"/> White Irish            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other white background          | <input type="checkbox"/> White and black Caribbean          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White and black African          | <input type="checkbox"/> White and Asian        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other mixed background          | <input type="checkbox"/> Black or black British - Caribbean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or black British - African | <input type="checkbox"/> Other black background | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British - Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British - Pakistani |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian background           | <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other ethnic background         |   |

4 What is your religion, even if you are not practising?

- |                                    |                                   |                                 |   |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian | <input type="checkbox"/> Buddhist | <input type="checkbox"/> Hindu  | <input type="checkbox"/> Any other religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Muslim    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sikh     | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish | <input type="checkbox"/> None               |

5 Do you consider yourself to be?

- Heterosexual  Gay or lesbian  Bisexual  Other  Prefer not to say

6 Do you consider yourself to be disabled in any way?  Yes  No

If yes, please tell us how it affects you:  Mobility  Hearing  Vision  Other way

Please detach this questionnaire and return in the FREEPOST envelope provided by 7 January 2011.

Please phone 01992 564 517 if you would like this information provided in any other way, as a large print version for example.

## Community workshops and exhibitions

### Community workshops

Please contact us (see back of this leaflet for details) if you wish to register to attend one of the community visioning workshops in your area. Registration is essential.

Area	Date
1: Rural north / Harlow	23 November, 7pm
2: Waltham Abbey / Nazeing	7 December, 7pm
3: Epping / Theydon Bois	29 November, 7pm
4: Loughton / Chigwell / Buckhurst Hill	2 December, 7pm
5: Rural south east	8 December, 7pm
6: Ongar and rural north east	15 December, 7pm



### Information exhibitions

The material contained within this leaflet will also be exhibited around the district to raise awareness of the Core Planning Strategy and to seek the views of local residents. Copies of the attached questionnaire will be provided at each location.

Venue	Dates	Opening hours
Loughton Library	8 Nov-19 Nov	Mon-Fri 9am - 7pm, Sat 9.30am-5.30pm, Sun 11am-3pm
Waltham Abbey Library	8 Nov - 19 Nov	Mon-Tue & Fri 9am-5.30pm, Sat 9am-5pm
Ongar Library	23 Nov-3 Dec	Tue & Thu 9am-7pm, Wed 9am-1pm, Fri 9am-1pm, Sat 9am-5pm
Stapleford Abbots Primary School	22 Nov-3 Dec	Mon-Fri 9am-3pm
Theydon Bois Village Hall	6 Dec - 17 Dec	Mon-Fri 9am-5pm
North Weald Library	6 Dec - 17 Dec	Mon & Weds 9.15am-1.15pm, Tue 1pm-7pm, Thu 10am-7pm Fri 9.15am-1.15pm, Sat 9am-5pm

### Photography competition

Enter the community visioning photography competition for the chance to win a meal for two at a local restaurant. We are looking for images in two categories:

1. What you would like to see improved in the district (i.e. photos of the district, highlighting issues)
  2. How you would like the district to look in the future (e.g. other place/s you think work well and would improve our district)
- Images can be submitted by email or posted to us as prints. The winning entries will be selected in January 2011 so don't forget to include your contact information. Closing date 7 January 2011. More details and a full list of terms and conditions are available on our website: [www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/planningourfuture](http://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/planningourfuture).

## What can I do right now?

Complete the attached questionnaire and return it to us by 7 January 2011

Register to attend a community workshop

Take part in our photography competition

Become a fan of the Council's facebook page



Map for illustrative purposes only and not to scale

## Contact the LDF team

telephone: 01992 564 517

email: [LDFconsult@eppingforestdc.gov.uk](mailto:LDFconsult@eppingforestdc.gov.uk)

website: [www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/planningourfuture](http://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/planningourfuture)

facebook: [www.facebook.com/eppingforestdc](http://www.facebook.com/eppingforestdc)

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epping forest district

planning our future

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK



you can help shape the future

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## What is happening?

The coalition government has made it one of its priorities to make sure that local people have more say in the decisions that affect where they live.

The government has abolished regional housing and employment targets and it is now the responsibility of the Council to work with local communities and use the evidence we have on housing need to decide how many houses to build and where the best locations are.

Epping Forest District Council currently uses an adopted Local Plan to make decisions on planning applications and manage development in the district. The Government requires that this is replaced with a Local Development Framework (LDF) - a key element of which is the Core Planning Strategy.

## What is a Core Planning Strategy?

The Core Planning Strategy will set out the plans and policies that will guide development in Epping Forest district for the next 20 years, replacing the current Local Plan. The document will seek the appropriate balance between protecting green spaces, new homes, businesses, shops and leisure and will include:

- A vision for how the district will develop
- A plan setting out appropriate locations for development
- Policies to manage housing, employment, green space, community facilities, etc.



## How is a Core Planning Strategy produced?

The Council is currently at the first stage of Core Planning Strategy production - finding out what local communities want. A community visioning consultation is now underway that will provide feedback on the planning issues that are important to local people and a shared vision for the future of the area.

Date*	Stage	How can I get involved?
Winter 2010	1: Community visioning and research	Community visioning consultation <b>NOW!</b>
Summer 2011	2: Issues and options	Issues and options consultation
Spring 2012	3: Draft submission Core Strategy	Comment on draft submission document
Winter 2012	4: Final submission Core Strategy	
Summer 2013	5: Examination in Public	Attend Examination in Public
Spring 2014	6: Core Strategy adopted	

\* Indicative and subject to confirmation

During the first stage the Council is also working on a series of background information studies to ensure we have the relevant evidence on which to make planning decisions for the district.

## How can I have my say at this stage?

Community visioning is the first stage of the Core Planning Strategy and one of the most important opportunities for us all to get involved. The Council needs to understand what the planning issues are for the local community and how people would like to see the area develop in the future.

As part of the community visioning the Council is working to engage with the local community through the following methods:

- Information leaflet and community visioning questionnaire (attached)
- Community workshops
- Epping Forest DC facebook page
- Public information exhibitions
- Photography competition
- Core Planning Strategy website

### What happens next?

The information received through the community visioning exercise will be used along with information from research studies to develop a 'Core Planning Strategy Issues and Options' report.

The report will use evidence from research studies and the views of the community to identify a series of planning issues facing the district and a number of options for policies to address them. Consultation on the report and the opportunity to provide your views on the most appropriate options for the future of the district will take place in Summer 2011.

## Community visioning - send us your views

Please complete the questionnaire, detach the panel opposite and send it back to us FREEPOST. Provide us with your contact details to be kept informed as the Core Planning Strategy develops and to be entered into the prize draw to win a meal for four at a local restaurant. The closing date is 7 January 2011.

### Why do we need housing and employment growth in Epping Forest District?

The population of the district is increasing and changing. This creates a need for more housing and different types of housing (e.g. affordable, for the elderly and those with special needs).

There is a need to ensure the local economy is able to provide jobs and services for local residents, and for these to be close to where they live. There are energy conservation and pollution reduction benefits if the level of commuting into London can be minimised.

It is necessary for employment land and premises to be of high quality and easily accessible so that there can be effective competition with adjoining areas.

There is a need to reduce unemployment and provide opportunities for those gaining qualifications locally.

A number of areas in the district suffer from economic and social deprivation.

To replace outdated facilities such as schools and community centres.

The district's main shopping centres need to be able to remain competitive despite significant competition from a number of much larger nearby centres. Currently 85% of residents shop elsewhere for necessities.

### What do we need to consider when planning for growth?

How we can work towards achieving the community's vision for the future of the district.

The potential environmental, economic and social benefits of new development.

The protection and maintenance of the Green Belt.

The protection and maintenance of the open character of the rural landscape and the setting of towns and villages in the countryside.

The protection of the historic built environment including conservation areas, listed buildings and their settings, and ancient landscape.

The conservation of protected species and sites with important wildlife.

The implications of climate change, including building design, energy conservation, renewable energy, increased flood risk and the protection of the most valuable agricultural land.

Impacts on existing infrastructure (e.g. road congestion and the rail network, car park capacity at Central Line stations).

Accessibility to services including health, education, leisure, shops and public transport (of particular concern in rural areas).

### 1 What do you think the priorities are for the district over the next 20 years? (Please tick a maximum of two)

- Encouraging the growth of local jobs and businesses
- Protecting and enhancing green spaces
- Providing housing to meet local need
- Provision of facilities for the community
- Reducing the impacts of climate change (e.g. reducing traffic, energy efficient homes)
- Other (please state)

### 2 What planning issues do you think most need to be addressed in your local area? (Please tick a maximum of three)

- Better access to public transport
- Better protection for green spaces
- Improved community facilities
- More affordable housing
- More local job opportunities
- Provision of a greater variety of housing types (e.g. for older people, those with special needs)
- Reduced traffic congestion
- Right balance of shops and restaurants
- Other (please state)

### 3 Where do you think new houses and jobs should be located?

There are a number of different approaches that can be taken when it comes to deciding where to locate growth in the district.\* Please select what you consider to be the most suitable approaches to the location of growth (please tick a maximum of three):

- Around or within existing towns
- Close to public transport links
- Close to the motorway network
- Concentrated in one existing settlement
- Development of new settlements in the countryside area
- Near the edge of Harlow
- Spread throughout existing rural settlements
- A combination of all these options spread across the district
- Other (please state)

\* The Council is currently working on research studies to determine how many new houses and jobs are needed. The Issues and Options consultation in Summer 2011 will provide the opportunity for the local community to give their views on the level of growth that is best for the district.

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