

Notice of Submission of the Epping Forest District Local Plan to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with regulation 22(3) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, that Epping Forest District Council has submitted the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on 21 September 2018 for independent examination. The Local Plan and supporting documents submitted can be viewed on the Council's website: <http://www.efdclocalplan.org/>

The key submission documents comprise:

- **Epping Forest District Local Plan Submission Version 2017 (and appendices),**
- **Policies Map,**
- **Duty-to-Cooperate: Statement of Compliance** – A summary of the involvement of key public bodies in the preparation of the Local Plan,
- **Consultation Statement** – how the Council has undertaken consultation in preparing the Local Plan,
- **Sustainability Appraisal and Equalities Impact Appraisal** – an appraisal of the economic, environmental and social effects of the Local Plan,
- **Habitats Regulations Assessment** – an assessment to identify any aspects of the Local Plan that would have the potential to cause a likely significant effect on key biodiversity sites and to identify appropriate avoidance and mitigation strategies where such effects are identified,
- **Legal Compliance Checklist,** and
- Representations made under regulation 20 to the publication of the Epping Forest District Local Plan Submission Version in December 2017.

In addition to the key submission documents set out above, the Local Plan has been submitted with a number of other documents comprising the Local Plan's evidence base.

Hard copies of the Local Plan Submission Version and relevant documents are available for inspection at public libraries within the District. Library Opening times may vary; please contact the library for information. Alternatively, relevant documents can be made available upon request at the Planning Reception on the second floor of Epping Forest District Council Civic Offices, High Street, Epping, Essex, CM16 4BZ between the hours of 9:00 and 13:00 Monday to Friday.

The Epping Forest District Local Plan will now be subject to an independent examination to be conducted by the Planning Inspectorate. This is a continuous process running from the date of submission through to the receipt of the appointed Planning Inspector's Report. Part of this process will involve hearing sessions where those invited to attend will have the opportunity to respond to matters raised by the appointed Planning Inspector. Once confirmed, all details relating to the examination process will be advertised, made available online and sent to all respondents.

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