

Epping Forest District Council

Chigwell Neighbourhood Plan

Regulation 16 Publication response form

This form may be photocopied or downloaded from the website. Further printed copies can also be obtained from the Council. **Please return by 4pm on Tuesday, 26 June 2018.**

This form can be returned by e-mail to LDFconsult@eppingforestdc.gov.uk by post to **Planning Policy, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping CM16 4BZ**. Email is the Council's preferred method of receiving comments, as it will help us to handle your representation quickly and efficiently.

Comments are invited, regarding whether the draft Chigwell Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documentation fulfil the "basic conditions", as required by paragraph 8 (1) (a) (2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (inserted by the Localism Act 2011).

If you wish to make comments about the draft Neighbourhood Plan, please specify which of the seven "basic conditions" you are commenting on. Comments should set out a justification as to why you consider that the basic condition has **NOT** been met, or why you consider that the basic condition has satisfactorily been met. You can also suggest improvements or modification to the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

All comments will be forwarded on to the appointed examiner for the Chigwell Neighbourhood Plan. You should not assume that there will be an opportunity to add further information, although the examiner may request additional information from you, based on the matters he/ she identifies for examination.

The regulations require that any representations made during the consultation period for the Chigwell Neighbourhood Plan must be submitted to the examiner together with a summary of the main issues raised. Therefore, comments cannot be treated as confidential, although personal addresses will not be made publicly available.

Epping Forest District Council will consider all representations made if returned by the deadline. However, please note that late representations will not normally be accepted.

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Part 1

Seven “basic conditions” form the statutory requirements for the draft Neighbourhood Plan. These require that the Neighbourhood Plan:

Please tick the relevant basic condition / supporting documents and submit a separate Part 2 form for each of the basic conditions / supporting documents you are commenting on

a. having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State it is appropriate to make the order (or neighbourhood plan).	
b. having special regard to the desirability of preserving any listed building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest that it possesses, it is appropriate to make the order. This applies only to Orders.	
c. having special regard to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of any conservation area, it is appropriate to make the order. This applies only to Orders.	
d. the making of the order (or neighbourhood plan) contributes to the achievement of sustainable development.	
e. the making of the order (or neighbourhood plan) is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area).	<u>X</u>
f. the making of the order (or neighbourhood plan) does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with EU obligations.	
g. prescribed conditions are met in relation to the Order (or plan) and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the order (or neighbourhood plan).	

Other supporting submission document and supporting documents. Please specific which document you wish to comment on: _____	
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Part 2

Question 1

Why do you consider that the draft Chigwell Neighbourhood Plan and/ or supporting documents do/ do not meet the specified “basic condition”? Please provide a brief summary of your comments.

Policy CHG7

ECC seeks further clarification on how this policy will be used (including its application and interpretation) and thereby effective in resisting the loss of business use floorspace / employment sites. More generally, the NP makes no reference to broadband infrastructure particularly in relation to employment land. ECC would suggest that policy wording should be considered to ensure that any new employment space that is generated would ensure Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) connectivity (or reasonable access to Fibre To the Cabinet) to ensure commercial viability and effective take up of any such commercial units.

Detailed explanation and proposed modifications. Please give further details of your opinion and the reasons for it, as well as any proposed improvements or modifications to the Plan (continue on a separate sheet as necessary).

ECC seeks further clarification on the following element of the policy: *‘Proposals that result in the loss of an existing business use will be resisted, unless it can be demonstrated that its continued use is no longer viable.’* Further information is required to clarify what determines a lack of viability for planning decision making purposes.

Policy additions / clarifications should be included to clarify what would justify a lack of viability where the proposals result in a change from B-Class use to other class uses. For example, such a policy could require the applicant to demonstrate:

- Details of the existing use and the proposed use and how it operates
- Limitations of the site including its buildings and land for Class B uses
- Whether investment would enable the site to be used for Class B uses
- Why the proposal cannot be provided in a more suitable location
- An assessment of current and potential future market demand for the site, building or premises in question which should reflect current economic trends, future forecasts changes and actual attempts to market the site, building or premises in question
- Any other considerations including economic viability

Add reference to requiring any new employment space that is generated to ensure Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) connectivity (or reasonable access to Fibre To the Cabinet) to ensure commercial viability and effective take up of any such commercial units

Question 2

The appointed examiner will consider all representations received by the deadline (**4pm, Tuesday 26 June 2018**). Normally, the examiner will seek to consider all responses through written representations. However, occasionally an examiner may consider it necessary to hold hearing sessions to discuss particular issues.

Please indicate whether you would like to request to be heard before the examiner at the Neighbourhood Plan Examination Hearing: Yes / ~~No~~

If you have indicated that you wish to attend the Examination, please explain why you consider this to be necessary. Please note that this is entirely at the discretion of the examiner:

In order to ensure that ECC is able to explain and clarify any changes sought (if necessary) and to help agree an appropriate form of changes, where necessary, through this discursive process

Question 3

Please indicate whether you wish to be notified of either or both of the following:

The publication of the recommendations of the Neighbourhood Plan Examiner

YES / NO

Final "making" (adoption) of the Neighbourhood Plan by Epping Forest District Council

YES / NO

Signature: 	Date: 26/06/2018
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Thank you for taking the time to respond.