

Epping Forest District Local Plan 2011-2033 – Adoption Statement

Regulations 17, 26 and 35 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)

In accordance with the Regulations outlined above, notice is hereby given that Epping Forest District Council formally adopted the Epping Forest District Local Plan 2011-2033 on 06 March 2023.

The Local Plan forms part of the Council's Statutory Policy Framework. It provides the spatial planning policies which will help shape the future of the District by guiding where and how future development will come forward. Importantly, it allocates land for the new homes (including affordable homes) and jobs to be delivered across the District which will be supported by necessary new infrastructure. The Local Plan policies will be used to assess planning applications and other related development proposals, to ensure that new development is sustainable, well designed, and supported by the required infrastructure, in order to provide for the future needs of residents and businesses in the District. It also provides protection for the District's important open spaces, and the natural and historic environment and sets a high bar for creating safe, healthy and accessible places.

The Local Plan was subject to an independent examination conducted by Louise Phillips MA MSc MRTPI and subsequently, from April 2022, Jonathan Bore MRTPI, the Inspectors appointed by the Secretary of State. The Inspector's Final Report on the Examination of the Epping Forest District Local Plan 2011-2033, published on 09 February 2023, concludes that subject to the Main Modifications set out in the Appendix to the Report, the Epping Forest District Local Plan 2011-2033 satisfies the requirements of Section 20(5) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and meets the criteria for soundness as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework and is capable of adoption.

The Epping Forest District Local Plan 2011-2033 incorporates all of the Main Modifications to the version of the Local Plan that was submitted by the Council to the Secretary of State on 21 September 2018 (known as the Epping Forest District Local Plan Submission Version 2017), as recommended by the Inspector in his Final Report. A number of Additional Modifications have also been included as necessary technical, factual, grammatical and typographical corrections that do not materially affect the policies in the Plan.

Schedules setting out the Main Modifications and Additional Modifications are available to view at: <https://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/>

In addition, the Epping Forest District Local Plan 2011-2033, Policies Map, Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment) Post Adoption Statement, Habitats Regulations Post Adoption Statement and this Adoption Statement are all available to view online on the Council's website.

These documents are also available to view in hard copy at Epping Forest District Council's Civic Offices, 323 High Street, Epping Essex, CM16 4BZ during normal opening hours.

Any person aggrieved by the Epping Forest District Local Plan 2011-2033 may make an application to the High Court under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) on the grounds that:

- a) the document is not within the appropriate power; and/or
- b) a procedural requirement has not been complied with.

Any such application to the High Court must be made promptly, and in any event, no later than six weeks after the date on which this Adoption Statement was published following the local planning authority's adoption of Epping Forest District Local Plan 2011-2033.

A copy of this Adoption Statement will be sent to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

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