

SUBGROUPS QUALITATIVE RESPONSES FOLLOWING CONSULTATION

EPPING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON Transport & parking

Consultation Statement **Annex I**

The questionnaire outlined existing concerns over traffic congestion and car parking, with proposals in the plan for

new roads to serve South Epping, major changes to Epping station, five new car parks including a multi-storey to serve the town centre, road junction and traffic management improvements. It suggested a 20mph limit near schools, an option in future to extend the Central Line and a park-and-ride scheme for commuters.

Question 5. Is this package of improvements enough to keep Epping moving?

Summary

- The main response was that the package was not supported by the majority of respondents and that development would add to congestion and parking problems
- Many felt that transport infrastructure improvements should come ahead of development,
- Extending the Central Line and improving the rail capacity was supported but not development over the station,
- Measures to alleviate parking and congestion problems (e.g. park and ride, by-pass) were supported but not redevelopment of existing car parks

How responses influenced draft policies

- To seek transport infrastructure improvements ahead of development
- To seek road capacity improvements without eroding the Forest, including real-time signage to direct road traffic onto the M11
- Drop proposals for redevelopment over the station,
- To maintain options for extending rail travel from Ongar and North Weald into Epping, (possibly linked to a park and ride scheme outside the neighbourhood plan area)

TOPIC	ANSWERS	YES – AGREE PLAN	NO – DISAGREE WITH PLAN / CONCERNS	ISSUE
Infrastructure must come before development	12	12		
	29	2	27	People believe that plans won't provide transport solutions
			7	Oppose plans because of transport impact on green belt
Highways				

Road capacity		1	38	6 comments that proposals insufficient, concern over congestion (link to pollution)
Maintenance of roads				7 comments that not good now
Bypass suggested		9		
Traffic calming		5	2	
Build on car park			10	
Cyclists / Walking		4		Promote walking and cycling, improved provision
Need better bus service (to reduce cars)		3		
		5		New access road to South Epping
			10	Many concerns about impact of South Epping development on Brook Rd, Theydon Rd junction
Provide real-time signage		1		
			1	Negative view of proposals because it lacks plans for Schools' pick-up set-down provisions for cars
				7 comments that there will be disruption during development
Residential parking standards				7 concerns that there should be greater cars per bedroom provision, otherwise where will residents park
Station / Rail				
Rail capacity			20	Station capacity insufficient
Central Line extension		33	2	Re-instate CL to Ongar / North Weald
Multi-storey at station				Build m-storey car park, not housing
				Station remodelling required (line extension and car parking)
Parking				
Park and ride		19	3	Support for P&R into Epping town centre / station
Park to shop		8		Support for improved town centre parking
Multi-storey town centre parking		2	34	Most comments against as not in keeping with Epping
parking capacity insufficient		1	30	

Residents' parking		3	8	Comments seeking improvements for residents
Commuter parking		1	10	Concerns over commuters using Central Line parking all day in Epping
				25 comments about lack of info on where parking will be or can't see how it will work
Town Centre				2 comments that the centre should be pedestrian friendly
				1 comment against increase in tourism
The following each received one comment:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric vehicle charging points 				