

Green Infrastructure Strategy Survey Response

Epping Forest District Council wants to understand what people think about the Green Infrastructure Strategy and the projects being proposed for the District. The Council will produce a report of the responses to this survey and bring the survey results together to inform future versions of the strategy and future projects.

Please complete this survey and return to:

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Planning Services
Epping Forest District Council
Civic Offices
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Epping
CM16 4BZ

Please provide your details as this helps with our understanding of the likely use of some open spaces in the District and without them, we are unable to process your answers.

Contact details

Name	
Organisation if applicable	
Address	
City/Town	
ZIP/Postal Code	
Email Address	

Would you like to be kept informed about the work on the Green Infrastructure strategy in the future?

Yes	
No	

The General Approach

The Council has developed this Draft Green Infrastructure Strategy in order to provide a broad framework for protecting and enhancing the District's Green and Blue places and spaces (or 'Infrastructure assets'). The Draft Strategy has assessed the District's current assets which has helped us to develop a Vision and Objectives. The Vision and Objectives are then proposed to be achieved through the more detailed initiatives and projects included in the Strategy.

Q1a. Do you agree that we have included all of the GI assets within the District and assessed them correctly in Section 2?

Yes	
No	

Q1b. If you answered 'No' to the question – what have we missed?

Q2a. Do you agree with the Vision and objectives within the draft Strategy (page 30)?

Yes	
No	

Q2b. If you answered 'No' to the questions – please explain why you don't agree.

Making use of Existing and New Assets

The Council is keen to ensure that we make the most of both existing and new GI assets and has identified the need to take a multi use or ‘multi-functional’ approach to its provision or enhancement wherever possible. This is explained in Section 3 (pages 31-50).

Q3a. Do you agree with the multi-functional approach?

Yes	
No	

Q3b. If you answered ‘No’ to the question – please explain why you don’t agree.

We have identified a number of themes for projects which could be carried out across different parts of the District. These are found in Section 3 pages 31-50.

Q4a. Do you think that we have identified the right themes?

Yes	
No	

Q4b. If you answered ‘No’ to the question, please explain why you don’t agree.

We have provided more detail about these District-wide projects in the Projects Pages.

Q5a. Do you have any comments on the District-wide projects identified in the Project Pages (see Appendix 1)? If so, please comment here.

Q5b. Do you know of any specific locations where you think these projects could happen? If so, please comment here

Provision of Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG)

In order to protect the ecology of the Epping Forest, which is currently under pressure, including from visitors, we will be requiring the larger new development sites proposed in our emerging Local Plan to provide what are called ‘Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace’ (SANG). These SANG will form part of the network of green spaces to be introduced or enhanced across the District to give people places to go as an alternative to primarily the Epping Forest, but also to help protect other important ecological or natural heritage sites. SANG are described on page 11 of the Strategy. The principles of how these new spaces will provide is outlined in Appendix 3 of the Strategy and where they are proposed to be located are set out in Appendix 2. We have also included in Appendix 4 a number of existing sites, some of which are not currently open to the public, which could also be brought forward as an alternative place for people to go other than to the Epping Forest.

It is helpful for us to know how often you currently visit the Epping Forest.

Q6. Over the past year roughly how often have you visited the Epping Forest?

Daily	
Most days (180+ visits)	
1-3 times a week (40-180 visits)	
2-3 times a month (15-40 visits)	
Once a month (6-15 visits)	
Less than once a month (2-5 visits)	
Don't know	
I haven't visited the Epping Forest in the last year	

Q7. What features would encourage you to visit these new or enhanced spaces instead of the Epping Forest?

Q8a. If you live near any of the sites shown as a 'Strategic Allocation' (see Appendix 2) or a 'Site for Enhancement' (see Appendix 4) which one?

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Q8b. If you do live near them would you be likely to visit any of these sites instead of the Epping Forest?

Yes	
No	

Q8c. If you answered 'Yes' to the question, which site or sites?

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Q8d. If you answered 'No' to the question, please explain why not.

Q9. Do you know of any additional sites that you would like to see as a Site for Enhancement?
Please state here.

Further comments

10. Do you have any further comments on the Draft Green Infrastructure Strategy and its supporting appendices?

Thank you for completing this form

We would appreciate it if you could also complete the anonymous diversity survey. If you are completing a paper copy of this survey and sending the forms together, the diversity survey will be immediately removed from your named survey response.