

Committee:	Cabinet	Date:	11 January 2018
Title:	Epping Forest District Council Local Plan Consultation		
Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Susan Barker, Deputy Leader		
Report Author	Stephen Miles, Planning Policy Team Leader, ext 346	Key decision:	No

Summary

1. This report draws Cabinet's attention to the consultation on Epping Forest District Council's Draft Local Plan (Regulation 19).

Recommendations

2. That Cabinet delegate authority to the Director of Public Services in consultation with the Deputy Leader to respond formally to Epping Forest District Council's "Regulation 19" consultation on its Draft Local Plan.

Financial Implications

3. None.

Background Papers

4. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.

None.

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	Epping Forest District Council is undertaking consultation in accordance with their Statement of Community Involvement
Community Safety	N/A
Equalities	The plans will be subject to Equalities Impact Assessment in accordance with the relevant authority's normal practice
Health and Safety	N/A

Human Rights/Legal Implications	N/A
Sustainability	The plans are subject to a Sustainability Appraisal
Ward-specific impacts	All wards
Workforce/Workplace	N/A

Situation

6. Epping Forest District Council (EFDC) has consulted Uttlesford on its Draft Local Plan (Regulation 19 publication). The Draft Plan can be viewed at <http://www.efdclocalplan.org/submission-version-2017/> . There is an opportunity to comment until 29 January 2018. It is important under Duty to Co-operate that the Council respond.
7. There are a number of significant aspects in the draft Plan which will have an impact on Uttlesford. These include the fact that EFDC is part of the same Strategic Housing Market Area (SHMA) and Functional Employment Market Area (FEMA) as Uttlesford. The Councils have jointly commissioned work on the housing and jobs needs of the area, as well as signing Memorandums of Understanding on issues that the authorities are working together on, such as meeting housing needs and the recreational impacts on Epping Forest.
8. EFDC completed their last regulation 18 consultation on their Local Plan between October and December 2016, and have now brought forward the regulation 19 consultation on their Local Plan so that they are able to submit their Local Plan to the Secretary of State before 31 March 2018. Given the current input into the preparation of the UDC draft Plan and the change in timing of EFDC's consultation it has not been possible to prepare a detailed commentary on their Plan to this Cabinet meeting. Instead it is recommended that authority be delegated to the Director of Public Services in consultation with the Deputy Leader to make the formal response. Members are of course welcome to submit their views to the Planning Policy Team.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
UDC fails to respond adequately to the Regulation 19 Consultation.	1. Little risk	4. Potential failure under the Duty to Co-operate	Continue discussions under the Duty to Co-operate

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.