

GREEN BELT IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD IS AT RISK

— PLEASE RESPOND NOW TO EEBC's LOCAL PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION —

Epsom and Ewell Council has published a draft Local Plan with substantial loss of our valued Green Belt. Of the nine "preferred option" sites in the Plan, five are Green Belt sites, on which it is proposed to build 2,175 homes – over 41% of the total of 5,400 homes proposed up to 2040.

These open areas, which include Horton Farm (1,500 homes), the Hook Road Arena (150 homes), Priest Hill near Ewell East Station (350 homes), are important amenities that should remain as recreational, wildlife, climate change and community resources. The Green Belt prevents urban sprawl and protects our countryside from encroachment.

1. The draft Local Plan relies on outdated 2014 data which significantly overestimates housing needs. It is also based on erroneous assumptions about how housing markets work. The Plan lacks detail as to how it will meet infrastructure requirements. It endangers Epsom and Ewell's unique character.
2. Central Government has recently announced further protection of the Green Belt, and in Spring 2023 it will very likely abandon mandatory housing targets and clarify that there is no need to review Green Belt boundaries to meet housing targets.
3. There are alternative brownfield plans which offer more affordable homes, more central location with excellent public transport links, together with town rejuvenation and employment opportunities.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION NOW! ONCE IT'S GONE, IT'S GONE FOREVER

1. Participate in the Consultation via <https://www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/local-plan>, deadline 19/03/2023, respond to Q8, Q15, Q17, Q18. Alternatively email Council (localplan@epsom-ewell.gov.uk) directly with your name and address.
2. Visit our website <https://epsomgreenbelt.org/> or scan the QR Code below for help with Consultation, FAQ, Councillors contact details
3. Sign the petition <https://www.change.org/EpsomGreenBelt>
4. Share with your local groups, neighbours, friends, and all social media, Whatsapp groups
5. Write to your Councillors, MP, meet with Planning Officers. Other public meetings to be announced.

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Greenbelt Sites Proposed for Housing Development in the Draft Plan

1. Hook Road Arena 150 homes
 2. Horton Farm and Chantilly Way 1,525 homes
 3. Sport Pitches near Ewell East Station 350 homes
- Others: West Park Hospital land 150 homes**



Other Greenbelt Sites at Risk (from Sustainability Appraisal by EEBC)

4. Downs Farm 650 homes
 5. South East of Epsom 550 homes
 6. South of Manor Park 430 homes
 7. Drift Bridge Farm 600 homes
- Land North East of Reigate Road 170 homes**
Langley Bottom Farm 130 homes