

I promise...

- ♥ To put my love for the Forest at the heart of my work as a local Councillor. I will demonstrate this by making it clear in all relevant decision-making that I have considered the needs of the Forest now, and for generations to come.
- ♥ To reduce levels of pollution in and around the Forest in order to protect our health and wellbeing, and the health and wellbeing of the Forest, by ensuring all decision-making takes pollution levels into account.
- ♥ To work to increase access to the Forest for all residents from my local area across a range of accessible and sustainable transport modes.
- ♥ To take relevant, appropriate action to tackle climate change, and promote the vital role of the Forest in absorbing CO2 and helping to tackle the climate crisis.

I am a candidate for _____ Ward in
_____ Council.

Signed _____

I am a resident of _____ ward in
_____ Council and will ask my local
candidates to sign up to these promises.

Signed _____

Please sign and return to Epping Forest Heritage Trust, The Warren Lodge,
Loughton, Essex IG10 4RN or email: LoveEppingForest@EFHT.org.uk

Epping Forest

For Everyone to Love

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HERITAGE TRUST

Epping Forest welcomes many thousands of visitors to the boroughs of Waltham Forest, Redbridge and Newham, and to Epping Forest District, every year. It links the heart of London with the Essex countryside. And crucially it belongs to everyone.

City or country, Epping Forest is for everyone to love.

Forests like ours need care and attention. All of us have a role to play in ensuring that this ancient resource continues to flourish and thrive for generations to come.

The Forest is managed and maintained by the City of London Corporation **but local and district councillors have an important role to play in protecting and preserving the Forest:**

Every local Council has:

- ♥ important planning powers that can protect the Forest against inappropriate development
- ♥ a statutory role to tackle pollution and climate change in their area
- ♥ a vital role in promoting the health and wellbeing of their residents.

That is why we are asking candidates in the election to make some specific commitments in relation to protecting the Forest for all of us now, and for the enjoyment of generations to come.

Spring is the traditional time for elections. It brings those standing for the first time and those standing again a sense of renewal. The same is true for the Forest. As we watch the winter browns turn to the lush greens of Spring we all feel excited about new opportunities. As we watch animals care for their young in the environment we love, we feel emotionally connected, with a sense of the possibilities of a new future.

So many of us feel the benefit of the Forest – from those of us who grew up pond dipping on primary school trips,

to those who discovered it as an invaluable respite from the grimness of lockdown.

We all know how vital the Forest is for us. It cleans our air and lifts our spirits. It captures carbon. And it is also essential for our native plants and wildlife. The trees in Epping Forest range from those which are hundreds of years old to the young shoots emerging every year. The Forest houses a unique range of flora and fauna from the most magnificent of deer to the smallest beetles or lichen.

Four simple promises that we are asking council candidates to sign up to

As organisations deeply committed to the Forest it is our duty and our pleasure to work with local communities to protect and conserve this magnificent Forest. Over the page you will find four simple promises that we are asking council candidates to sign up to, and to work with us to deliver. These commitments will help preserve and protect the Forest for generations to come.

How you can help?



Please **ask your local candidates to sign up** to the promises overleaf to demonstrate how much they too love Epping Forest.



Please let us know why you love Epping Forest. You can email us on **LoveEppingForest@EFHT.org.uk** or use the **#LoveEppingForest** on Twitter, Instagram or Facebook.

Partner organisations



Epping Forest Transport Action Group



Wren Wildlife & Conservation Group



Bushwood Area Residents' Association



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