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| 1    | I work in the District   | Hainault Ilford* |
| 2    | I feel that this is a democratic system which reflects the   | North Weald      |
| _    | communities wishes   | Troiti Weala     |
| 3    |  | North Weald      |
| 4    | This is a far more democratic process with both visibility and   | Buckhurst Hill   |
|      | accountability which we have seen most recently with the London  | Basimarot i iiii |
|      | Mayor. A much better approach as the leader is almost anonymous  |                  |
|      | now to the public in this area.  |                  |
| 5    | I also feel that the Mayor's Cabinet appointments must be subject  | Loughton         |
|      | to a 2/3rds majority vote of the whole District Council & that the   |                  |
|      | Mayor may recommend to the District Council the suspension or  |                  |
|      | dismissal of a Cabinet member for misdemeanour, & that the   |                  |
|      | Electorate-especially in the Ward of the Councillor-be informed &  |                  |
|      | given the chance to protest at the suspension/dismissal.   |                  |
| 6    |  | North Weald      |
| 7    | Is there a box for the referendum?   | Loughton         |
| 8    |  | Epping           |
| 9    | More open democracy can only be good for the area - make the   | Chigwell         |
|      | council more accountable and make citizens feel more involved in   | 39               |
|      | local government.  |                  |
| 10   |  | Ongar            |
| 11   |  | Buckhurst Hill   |
| 12   |  | Loughton         |
| 13   |  | Woodford Green*  |
| 14   | I would appreciate you emailing the result of the consultation at  | North Weald      |
|      | terryblanks@btinternet.com   |                  |
| 15   |  | Theydon Bois     |
| 16   |  | Theydon Bois     |
| 17   |  | Theydon Bois     |
| 18   | I believe it is important for the head of the council to be elected by   | Theydon Bois     |
|      | the residents and not by council members. This is the basis of our   |                  |
|      | democratic society. Electing a Leader through an internal process is open to question and does not necessarily reflect the wishes of |                  |
|      | the people.  |                  |
| 19   | ппе реоріе.  | Theydon Bois     |
| 20   |  | Theydon Bois     |
| 21   |  | Theydon Bois     |
| 22   |  | Theydon Bois     |
| 23   |  | Not given        |
| 24   |  | Not given        |
| 25   |  | Theydon Bois     |
| 26   |  | Theydon Bois     |
| 27   | Remuneration and expenses should be limited to a combined total  | Epping           |
|      | of £25000. This proviso to ensure the post encourages persons  |                  |
|      | committed to serving the local community.  |                  |
| 28   |  | Theydon Bois     |
| 29   |  | Theydon Bois     |
| 30   |  | Theydon Bois     |
| 31   |  | Theydon Bois     |
| 32   |  | Theydon Bois,    |
| 33   | This consultation has not been widely enough advertised. More use  | Theydon Bois     |
|      | should be made of public notices in the street. Not everyone buys  |                  |
|      | the local paper regularly or has regular (if any) access to the  |                  |
| 24   | internet.  | North Madd       |
| 34   |  | North Weald      |

| 35 | The Leader Of Council is an important position to often resulting in a small in-crowd deciding who should be leader. An Elected major would result in better and less politically motivated leader.   | Loughton           |
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| 36 | регисти   | Not given          |
| 37 |   | Theydon Bois       |
| 38 |   | Theydon Bois       |
| 39 |   | Theydon Bois       |
| 40 |   | Theydon Bois       |
| 41 |   | Theydon Bois       |
| 42 |   | Waltham Abbey      |
| 43 |   | Epping             |
| 44 |   | Ongar              |
| 45 |   | Moreton, Ongar     |
| 46 |   | Not given          |
| 47 |   | Stapleford Abbotts |
| 48 | This would lead to a more democratically run council  | Theydon Bois       |
| 49 |   | Epping             |
| 50 |   | Loughton           |
| 51 | I wasn't even aware of this consultation  | Loughton           |
| 52 | Its about time democracy became real by giving residents the power to vote in either a leader or major and vote in the members of cabinet. Why should a major or leader be given the automatic right to decide who runs the council? Until things are fairer and residents are considered, then its no wonder only 100 people have replied out of how many 1,000's? | Nazeing            |
| 53 | An Elected Major with an Elected Cabinet is real democracy.   | Nazeing            |
| 54 | We need somebody who can manage the processes effectively, particularly financial, within the Council and who will not be controlled by ECC and who will remain independent of local politics.  | Epping             |
| 55 | I would like to know why all our children of school age and the ones that go to college have to pay full pay on the buses and in London you can travel free we need free transport for our kids so they too are able to travel on the bus not be charged the earth unless you buy a years saver for £10 and 16years or over £70 and you still get charged the earth | Ongar              |
| 56 | I think one of the reasons for the poor response is that no one appears to know about the consultation and not many think it will be listen to it's a bit like the parking review for Buckhurst Hill and Epping, if you don't get the answer you want 'bury it'   | Loughton           |

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| 1     |  | Not given    |
| 2     | It would cost a lot to hold an election, Elected Mayor cannot be removed.  | Loughton     |
| 3     |  | Epping       |
| 4     | Until and unless a Mayor can be recalled by the voters there should be no separately elected role  | Epping       |
| 5     |  | Chigwell     |
| 6     |  | Loughton     |
| 7     | The cost of an elected mayor cannot be justified in these times. Also with a leader and cabinet there is a change every year, but with an elected mayor we have one for a fixed period and this is not good.   | North Weald. |
| 8     | Regret there is no option to discontinue the cabinet system, but feel on balance the existing leader and cabinet system is more accountable to the public/electorate. I would not want to see money wasted changing to a mayoral system that has few discernible advantages.   | Ongar        |
| 9     | In a relatively geographically and demographically scattered area such as Epping Forest district, it is important for electors to maintain a close relationship with their local ward councillors who can respond to often very local needs. Moving to a Mayor and Cabinet system removes a great deal of influence away from ward councillors to a smaller group of individuals who may not appreciate so well the fine grain of residents' concerns. I am also concerned that focusing political attention on a single mayoral figure may result in Epping doing a "Doncaster" where an inexperienced figure can win election on a wave of short-term populism or revulsion of national political issues, doing damage to the area through that inexperience and inability to use the political and administrative tools at their disposal. The current system, despite its flaws, works best for the longer-term interests of residents, businesses and the area. | Epping       |
| 10    | I believe the councillors are better placed to select an appropriate leader than the electorate at large, due to their knowledge of the candidates.  | Loughton     |
| 11    |  | Epping       |
| 12    | Why are we considering wasting money on this? Surely with the way money is at the moment this is a waste of time and money.  | Loughton     |
| 13    |  | Loughton     |
| 14    |  | Loughton     |
| 15    |  | Not given    |
| 16    | Electing a mayor may result in someone who does not have the support of the majority party which would cause friction and lead to difficulties in decision making. Whatever ones views are on the majority party, since they represent the views of most of the electorate following a democratic vote their policy should in the main prevail.  | Theydon Bois |
| 17    |  |              |
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| 19    | I think the current system is more democratice and that the Mayoral system leads to more idiosyncratic local government and less accountability. I am very firmly opposed to changing to a mayoral system!   | Theydon Bois |

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## Those who said yes to Leader

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| 48    |   | Loughton       |
| 49    | I read in the local paper that you are looking for views on the idea of electing a mayor - don't even go there. A complete waste of time and money. the existing system we have works well, what we do not need is another layer of local government as per Boris or the Hartlepool monkey. |                |
| 50    |   | Loughton       |
| 51    |   | Loughton       |
| 52    | It is unacceptable to set a deadline of 16th Nov 2010 when Grant Shapps MP states that the council must resolve by 31st December 2010. This is not allowing residents full consultation time. I believe that a deadline date of late December would be more appropriate.                    | Buckhurst Hill |