

ONE EPPING FOREST STAKEHOLDER CONFERENCE PRAISED BY ESSEX FSB

Essex FSB (Federation of Small Businesses) has congratulated One Epping Forest for holding a “highly successful” stakeholder conference at Epping Forest College in Loughton this week.

South West Essex FSB Branch Vice Chairman, Alan Jefcoate, said: “This annual conference brings together representatives from the private, public and voluntary sectors to celebrate the successes achieved during the last year and share ideas for the future.

“OneEppingForest is a very strong Local Strategic Partnership which delivers success in a number of areas and in particular brings benefits for businesses. “For example the Community Safety Partnership ensures that crimes against business are given equal priority with other crimes which take place and that Neighbourhood Policing Team develops good links with local business people as well as with the wider community.

“A programme of events for businesses has also been held with the launch of OneShopsLocal in November and a workshop on procurement in January with future events planned to include how to use social media in your business, an event to mark National Independent Retailers Month in July and the launch of OneEatsLocal in June.

“These are positive ways of supporting local business and are examples of how the partnership works as these events bring together different partners to share their knowledge and expertise with the business community.

“This was a very useful day for businesses who attended and we look forward to a similar event being held next year.”

The FSB represents more than 200,000 business people across the United Kingdom and is the largest single organisation representing business interests in the country.

The South West Essex Branch of the FSB represents the interest of small businesses in the following postcode areas - CM13 to CM16, SS17, RM1 to RM20, and IG1 to IG11 – which includes Brentwood, Epping Forest, Havering, Redbridge and Thurrock Councils.