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I Have lived in Enfield all my 72 odd Years and can honestly say I am glad my parents have passed on approx 5 years ago after living till in their nineties (in Enfield), as the change would discuss them as it does me.

I am surrounded by new houses which are built in ridiculously small spaces which is happening all over the borough.

The idea that the garden centres at Crews Hill will go is an important part of Enfield and so are the few remaining green spaces we have left.

Why do the Councillors ignore what the public want because they do not know what is best for us. If we have fewer green spaces and more built up areas there will be more cars and pollution in our little town which is over crowded now. We have not got the infrastructure!

Houses could be built on brownfield land, as the report published by the CPRE-London, Enfield Roadwatch shows, there could be at least 37,000 homes in areas that are further out and need growth.

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Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this important consultation. I live at 25 Enfield Road, Enfield and I have moved to this address due to the Green belt land and allotments at the back of my garden. I had many choices but felt Enfield was best for the well-being of my family. We enjoy the wildlife and cleaner air that the area provides. LB of Enfield should be supporting green spaces and the wildlife and not plan to get rid of it! Once it is gone then it is gone forever and this will inevitably be the case if you start now. I believe LBE is talking a very short term view here.

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Prosecute the vehicles owners regardless and crush it with extreme prejudice. Stop multiple occupancy flats that obviously don't have enough bins.

Dear Sir/madam

Before I read through and comment on the new local plan I would like to raise two issues that are receiving little or no attention by the Council with regard to achieving one of your main ambitions within the introduction.

"We are working hard to improve living standards, make Enfeld safer, cleaner and greener, support residents to be healthier and happier, and provide more opportunities to learn and work, and stay in the borough. "

My comments are made with particular reference to Clay Hill but also apply to other roads in the local area.

1. The council are not doing enough to create healthy roads and neighbourhoods by a) not implementing adequate road calming measures where necessary to reduce speeds and encourage cycling, walking, outdoor life etc and b) not doing their part in ensuring that 30mph speed limits are being properly enforced and c) by not introducing more 20mph speed limits in residential areas.
2. The council are not doing enough to reduce the number of HGVs on unsuitable roads and in residential areas by not having a clear plan for routing of HGVs and by not enforcing their current signage.

My concern is that if the current situation with regard to the above important issues is not being properly managed now then how can we rely on the council to deliver their objectives in the future.

So I would ask the council to come up with a plan to manage the existing situation on the roads adequately within our area in particular before asking for support from residents in your ambitious plans for the future.

I think Enfield has built more than enough over the past few years. Leave our beautiful green places alone. We need things left alone for our wild life sitting in Forty Hall or Middleton House is so restful. As for Crews Hill people come from near and far and have done for many years please please leave Crews Hill as it is, always busy and employs plenty of local people, so just to confirm i say NO to the destruction of our Green Belt.

I have filled in some of the local consultation survey, but due to family health commitments, really haven't had time to finish it. However, one part I do feel strongly about, is saving the green belt and open areas in the borough.

I live in N9, so have no personal axe to grind as I do not live in the green belt area, but one of the pleasures of being in the borough – I was born and bred in Edmonton, so have lived here for over 60 years, and worked for the council for 26 of them - is to be near to central London but also to have green areas nearby.

Crews Hill and the surrounding area, is one which I frequently visit, and am very sad to hear housing development will go on one of the garden centre sites, please do not allow it to happen to others.

You also say you want green areas, especially for play – but hand over playing fields to private enterprises, which means that local residents can no longer use them.

I refer specifically to the Churchfields recreation ground, handed over to a private group (doesn't matter who) and the land has now been taken away from local residents, who could use it as an open space before, is covered with cars most weekends (emissions from all the exhausts as they are queueing up to get on and off) and to all intents and purposes is now a 'brown' site with the temporary buildings and car parking. Is this not in direct opposition to what you are saying?

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The comments provided in this response to the consultation are my own views. As a doctor I strongly believe that protecting the green belt is very important for the health of Enfield residents . Surely that is far more important than building few more houses . If we lose the green belt we will never get it again and Enfield will never be the same again .

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To : Enfield Council

Dear Members of Enfield Council

Greetings good wishes and goodwill.

Regarding the Draft Local Plan

I understand the need for building more houses. Enfield is special because of its Green Belt and Open Spaces - Please protect this precious Green Belt and Open Spaces. Don't be the people who lose it – once you build on it, it is gone . There is plenty of brownfield to meet your housing target – use this to build on instead.(No need to build on places like the Garden Centres in Crews Hill.)

I feel very much and believe that the Green Belt must be kept safe, protected, cherished.
Why? For whom? By whom? :

- Because the Green Belt keeps the air clean and keeps us healthy – everyone everywhere in the Borough of Enfield now and in the future deserves access to a healthier, green, safe and cleaner environment
- Because the Green Belt is sanctuary for our wildlife – it is their home too, and they need their home. Because they cannot speak they cannot tell you themselves
- Because the Green Belt is a great place for recreation for us humans – all ages enjoy it. Because it is here
- Because I want to keep London Green for our future generations too – it will be their home too. Because they cannot tell you themselves - Just like our wildlife.
- Because (I hope) we All care for the Green Belt . Because the ultimate choice and decision is yours Enfield Council – this no one else can make for you. It is your decision – your choice of what happens to our precious Green Belt.

I appeal to you members of Enfield Council –myself and for those who can't. Please protect Enfield's precious Green Belt and Open Spaces – don't build on it.

Thank you

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I strongly agree with the comments above.
Access to green spaces, supports good mental health and is a way to relieve stress.

We are writing to support the businesses of crews hill and protest the proposed house building on this site. As professional gardeners crews hill is a valuable resource and a unique place in London. Too many businesses would be affected by this move, not just the ones occupying the site. PLEASE Rethink your plans.
Thanks

Dear Sirs,

I wish to make a comment about the Draft Local Plan Consultation.

I think that ALL possibilities of land for housing including Brownfield sites, should be considered BEFORE any Green Belt land is used and that includes the Crews Hill Area. I think that many people in Enfield are very pleased that they have the Garden Centres at Crews Hill.

I do realise that houses have to be built somewhere but do feel strongly that the Green Belt is important for the health and well-being for future generations.

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We want to preserve ^{Green belts} as much as we can for our children and future generations. Don't let them live in concrete towns!

I have looked at the above documentation and got a sense of the issues involved.

Hopefully the Fairer Funding for Enfield issue will be resolved equitably in the near future in view of the various projections for population increases.

I would like to say that Enfield Council should exhaust all possibilities before considering whether housing needs to be built on Green Belt land including that at Crews Hill. After all, when our Green Belt land has gone , it will be lost forever.

We need to protect all current Green Belt land for future generations and I believe that there is plenty of brownfield land to meet housing targets.

We also need to protect all current Green Belt land in the fight against pollution.

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The Enfield plan

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I used to live in North East Hertfordshire, and was forced by personal circumstances to return to North London. Enfield impressed me by its greenness and I was told the air quality was good. This is important to me since I have - like many others - a breathing problem exacerbated by vehicle fumes. In many parts of London we all know the air quality is becoming more and more toxic – especially for children. It has been proved time and again that being able to get closer to Nature in green spaces and a bit of our beautiful countryside is good for our physical, emotional and mental health.

There are plenty of brown field sites (plus – I would hazard a guess – quite a few unoccupied dwellings) that could be used to meet the crisis. The trouble is, it’s cheaper, i.e. more profitable, for builders to dig up another precious patch of green. Let’s try to keep Enfield a place worth living in.

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My father worked in Enfield as a doctor for thirty years .He loved the fact that it was so green and natural. He was convinced the population of Enfield was healthier because of the cleanliness of the air.

The air is so fresh to breath because we are surrounded by green belt land.

We chose to live here for these very reasons.

This land is so precious and must not be abused.

So many areas have been subjected to bad plans in the past ,resulting in the loss of beautiful green areas.

Building of houses is necessary, we know, but please use the available brown belt land to construct your new developments.

Cruise Hill and surrounding areas has been used and greatly enjoyed by my family and friends, for over sixty years.

The thought of losing this wonderful area to housing is horrifying to us all.

Please consider very carefully where you build in the future ,as there are thousands upon thousands of residents you might upset if you make the wrong decisions.

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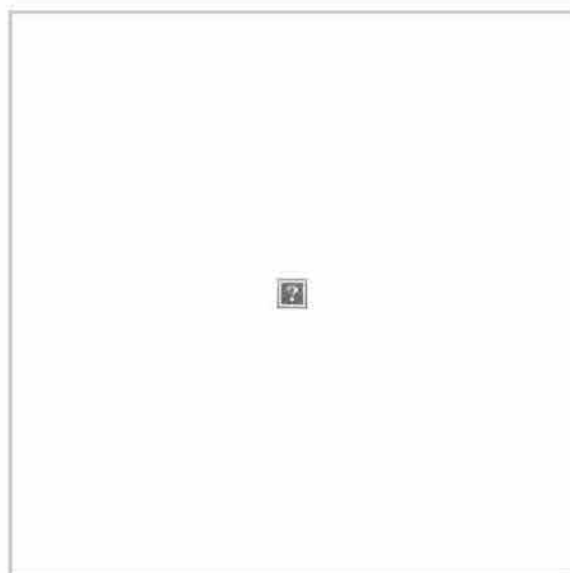
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I have been an Enfield resident for 22 years and feel that one of its main attractions is that it is one of London's greenest boroughs with numerous beautiful parks and green spaces. I am concerned about these plans and the impact they would have on the environment and quality of life in Enfield.

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Question 1 –

I have identified the following policies that are still Relevant because they highlight the importance of and/or protect the Green Belt:

Core Strategy: 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 20, 21, 25, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36.

Development Management Document: 59, 61-65, 72-75, 77, 82-91.

The following policies that relate to the Green Belt need to be Changed:

Core Strategy: 29 and 32 should be changed to reflect the importance of the Green Belt to these functions.

Development Management Document: 71, 78, 79 and 80 should remove the loopholes that make the stated protection dubious.

Several policies in both documents need to be changed to allow changes of land use [excluding the Green Belt] that would permit mixed use development.

Question 2 –

1. NO GREEN BELT SITES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR RELEASE. GROWTH CAN BE ACCOMMODATED ON PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED LAND/ BROWNFIELD.

2. Enfield RoadWatch and CPRE-London have compiled a comprehensive register of brownfield opportunities of all types and sizes which shows sufficient sites for housing and infrastructure during the plan period and beyond.

3. The A10 Retail Parks and Southbury area should be masterplanned before piecemeal development picks away at the prime sites. With increased train service, this area could provide a new mixed-use community of many more homes than Meridian Water.

4. Enfield's Strategic Industrial Locations [SIL] need to be masterplanned so that areas closest to public transport can be released for mixed use development, while other areas can be intensified through stacking or better land-use, with no loss of employment.

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I am totally against any proposal to lose the greenbelt area in Enfield, particularly the Crews hill area which you are considering.

Please listen to the people of the borough. We pay a tax and should be heard. Unless Councils and politicians start to listen instead of worrying about the party line or themselves the electorate will become more and more rebellious and disillusioned and will vote a Trump into Number 10

Dear Sirs

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The Crews Hill nurseries are renowned as being the largest conurbation in the UK. To destroy income generation in a time of financial uncertainty is mindless, and very poorly thought through. The infrastructure would not be capable of servicing the proposed plan, there would be insufficient transport available for the increased volume of people, (exactly the same as in Cuffley) let alone schools and shops for everyday needs. The road network was never built to deal with the excessive traffic and is already heavily overwhelmed during the rush hour.

I appreciate Enfield Council is required to provide housing however, it is entirely possible to do so without reducing the Green Belt. Enfield's history dates back to Charles II, when it was part of his hunting grounds including 'ancient woodland'. The Green Belt is our countries most precious asset and should not be squandered for profit. It contributes ecologically to the environment and public health, whether physical or mental.

Enfield Council could instantly boost their image by demonstrating a well-structured plan to build on 'Brownfield sites', which already have a need for regeneration and benefit by having the infrastructure, including transport to support new homes.

I conclude by saying Enfield Council would be in a 'win, win' situation by **NOT** going ahead with this proposed plan.

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KEEP OUR NATURE & GREEN
BELT - IT'S HEALTHIER

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Thank you for opportunity to respond to Local Plan issues.

I am a very much in favour of protecting the Green Belt for environmental, ecological and public health reasons ...

and strongly object to the proposal to release Green Belt land for housing and other purposes ...
It cannot be allowed to happen!!

I therefore suggest that the Council, in order to fulfil its duty of care to the Green Belt and its Residents **and future generations**, should ensure now, and in the future, that the release any Green Belt land should **not be included** as part of its Local Plan

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A change of land use leading inevitably to a takeover of such premises for housing, would only serve to fragment a long established horticultural community and needless to say push relocations further away from London and vastly increase carbon emissions, both in terms of deliveries and collections. Currently a one stop shop is possible in this unique area of complementary green businesses.

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I write in response to the above consultation paper.

I am a resident of Hadley Wood and find the section concerning Hadley wood inappropriate as it treats Hadley Wood like other much larger suburbs and does not appear to recognise the almost total lack of infrastructure in this part of the borough. Significant investment would be necessary before any substantial increase in the population could be housed.

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- **Small site development within 800m of a station (including any presumption of approval), should not apply to Hadley Wood (or to other stations with limited services such as Crews Hill).**

Hadley Wood has poor infrastructure and poor public services. With no bank, NHS doctor, NHS dentist, secondary school, Post Office, Public House, supermarket, etc, it cannot accommodate significant growth.

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Any small site development must protect the natural environment. Enfield policies need to be enhanced to meet the Mayor of London's target of 'no net loss of bio-diversity' and to include stronger flood mitigation measures.

With almost 15,000 new homes targeted for small sites, policies are required to ensure that investment in transport, education and schools, health centres is strategically planned and delivered.

- **Any presumption of planning approval for small sites should be dependent upon the existence and delivery of strategically planned investments in public services.**

Hadley Wood is fortunate to be surrounded by Green Belt on all sides. Any significant changes to Green Belt designations are not supported.

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I have identified the following policies that are still Relevant because they highlight the importance of and/or protect the Green Belt:

Core Strategy: 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 20, 21, 25, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36.

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The following policies that relate to the Green Belt need to be Changed:

Core Strategy: 29 and 32 should be changed to reflect the importance of the Green Belt to

these functions.

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make the stated protection dubious.

Several policies in both documents need to be changed to allow changes of land use [excluding the Green Belt] that would permit mixed use development.

Question 2 –

1. NO GREEN BELT SITES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR RELEASE. GROWTH CAN BE ACCOMMODATED ON PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED LAND/ BROWNFIELD.

2. Enfield RoadWatch and CPRE-London have compiled a comprehensive register of brownfield opportunities of all types and sizes which shows sufficient sites for housing and infrastructure during the plan period and beyond.

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Question 3 –

a) All the options listed on page 9 are worth exploring, except for the final option which suggests revisiting the Green Belt boundaries, which is unnecessary, given that a robust, thorough and professional boundary review was conducted, approved and adopted in 2013. To quote the Council itself: *The review's primary objective is to provide for a strong defensible Green Belt boundary that will endure and protect the openness*

*and rural character of the surrounding countryside of Enfield from encroachment. The review provides an understanding of the current strengths and weaknesses of the existing Green Belt boundaries and has in turn recommended amending the boundary where appropriate to provide certainty **over the next 15 to 20 years**. Another boundary review should not be needed until 2028 at the earliest.*

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- c) The Local Plan revision should not be used as a reason to release Green Belt. It is unnecessary.
- d) Please see my response to Q2.
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Question 4 –

- a) Yes!
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- d) Hard to answer without a definition of 'appropriate'.

Question 5 –

- a) Yes
- b) Depends on the location
- c) Yes

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Question 10 –

- c) Please refer to my responses to Q2 and Q3.
- d) Industry should not be moved into the Green Belt. Additional employment space can be achieved by mixed-use development and intensification of existing industrial sites.

Question 13 –

All of the above, plus leisure centres, Council offices, transport hubs and retail.

Question 14 –

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 - Creating a sense-of-place and facilitating community cohesion;
 - Increasing physical activity for adults and children;
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h) It can contribute a lot by not building on the Green Belt!

Question 16 –

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d) and e) I refer you to my previous response. Open spaces, including the Green Belt, serve many functions and should be preserved and protected.

h) It can contribute a lot by not building on the Green Belt!

Question 16

c) Protect the Green Belt and don't suggest building on it.

I look forward to a Draft Local Plan that has creative solutions and does not target any sections of the Green Belt for de-designation.

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Regards

I moved to Enfield 30 years ago and am proud of how green Enfield is, with it's many parks and wild habitat. I think we are a unique borough because of this and our green belt s, parks and particularly Crews hill, (which brings in revenue for local businesses) and needs protecting.

I object to ANY of the green belt land to being used for housing or other use.

If the council needs money or more housing there must be other ways. The industrial estates are not widely used and could support new infrastructures as roads, drainage etc are already in place but would need rectifying of course.

Please do not carry on with the current plans.

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In a period where the fight against Climate Change and the protection of our Planet and its natural resources is more pressing than ever, we should hold on tight to the green areas we still have and try to get them even better and stronger.

I understand that there is a housing shortage but I see many empty houses walking around the streets and lots of new buildings.

This year Enfield's schools had around 500 less children in reception than expected. This should be seen as a sign that maybe there is less people than expected and therefore less need for emergency housing.

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The Mayor of London and Enfield's MP have stated many times that the environment is their top priority. This is an opportunity to prove it. Protect Enfield's Green Belt and show all your citizens that you care about the environment.

Give your citizens a good example on how to fight against Climate Change starting from protecting London's Green.

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I take this opportunity to respond to this important consultation.

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We should protect our green spaces and our horticultural traditions for we need them now and will certainly rely on them in the future.

Please bear in mind that I am part time and often working away from my desk.

Dear Enfield Council

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THE GREEN BELT IS TOO VALUABLE TO LOSE FOR ALL THE MANY ENVIRONMENTAL ECOLOGICAL AND OTHER REASONS IDENTIFIED!!

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This is destruction of the community creating pollution and destroying natural habitat of trees and wildlife. You just need to take a look at glorious Trent Park which is being pulled apart! !

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Comments on LBE Draft Local Plan

Misuse of demographic projections

The need for a sharp increase in housebuilding is presented as essential because population projections show further rapid growth in the populations of Enfield and London.

But they would, wouldn't they, as they are based on projection forward of recent trends – which do indeed show rapid population growth. But trends change – London's population fell for many decades up to the mid 1980s.

Note also that there is a ratchet effect at work here. The more you build, the greater the population growth (as people choose to move here rather than elsewhere), which in turn boosts the *next* set of population projections and targets based on them.

This is the nature of projections. The original ONS source makes it quite clear that they take no account of planned policy changes yet to kick in or potential policy changes (including some which might be a response to the projections themselves). In particular, no account is taken as far as I can see of changes which could arise from Brexit, either through explicit curbs on immigration or through changes to the attractiveness of the UK as a destination. But when we see targets derived from these projections in policy documents, those provisos have disappeared.

This does not *invalidate* the projections but they should be used as the starting point for the debate, not as a near certainty and the basis for firm targets. False certainty makes for bad outcomes!

Enfield cannot and should not ignore projections from the government and GLA but nor should they be accepted without rigorous questioning and consideration of the consequences.

The demographic projections and the vicious circle effect are examined in more detail in the Annex.

The growth issue – is it always good?

Nor does it follow that the only response to the projections is to build enough to accommodate them. There are policy alternatives, such as more vigorous encouragement for development in regions of the UK which are in sore need of it. It is quite conceivable that a future government might choose this approach.

However, this calls into question the idea that growth (in Enfield and London) is necessarily good. This seems to be taken for granted by the GLA and the borough but it is questionable. If Enfield's economy and population both grow by 10 per cent, we have effectively stayed where we are in terms of individual prosperity but would have built on Green Belt and/or built high in order to stay in the same place!

So why is the benign nature of growth taken for granted? Has the difference between GDP and GDP per head not been understood? Do some of the actors involved simply want to be in charge of as large an entity (or revenue base) as possible?

Affordability ratios

We have purely demography-based targets for housebuilding, based on the projections. However, CLG wishes to increase targets further by overlaying upon it the concept of affordability. Nobody would deny that it is difficult for first time buyers to buy their first dwelling and that it is particularly difficult in London and parts of the South East.

However, the adjustment factor proposed by CLG appears to have been plucked out of thin air. It is derived from comparisons of median house prices in the area with median individual incomes of those *working* (not living – why not?) in the area. What about two income families? Why base it entirely on owner occupation when affordability of rental is also an issue? Not everybody wants to buy. Are medians really appropriate when the typical first time buy is likely to be much cheaper?

It concerns me that some of these factors may make London's affordability issue look even worse than it is. In particular, are rental yields not markedly lower in London, thus renting being less unaffordable in London than buying?

The form of the actual adjustment factor derived from the affordability ratios is nowhere justified by CLG. It is then used in a totally irrational manner – it is multiplied by the demography-based target. But if something is to be done specifically relating to affordability, it is about affordability here and now for the current population. The requirement should be as a percentage of current housing stock, not a percentage of the planned (demography-based) *growth* in housing stock.

The flaws in the affordability criterion are discussed in more detail in the Annex.

It is also open to question whether large scale new housebuilding of the types proposed would actually solve the affordability crisis. It is plausible that it will attract newcomers to the area en masse, leaving those who cannot afford to buy *still* unable to buy. Of course if enough affordable housing for rent is provided it could help (though the affordability ratio is entirely based on owner occupation). There is a history of developers negotiating down the proportion of affordable dwellings they have to provide and some doubt as to how affordable an "affordable" dwelling actually is.

The much higher target set by CLG is only mentioned in passing in the draft Local Plan. It is not clear which target takes priority for Enfield.

As already noted, higher housebuilding in the medium term works through into (even) higher targets for the longer term. A poorly designed affordability adjustment could exacerbate this.

The homeless

Enfield has a large number of homeless to accommodate, many of whom are said to have moved from other London boroughs. It is argued that extra housebuilding will help some of the homeless into suitable homes and relieve the financial burden on the council.

Again, it is open to question whether large scale new housebuilding of the types proposed will really address this issue, for reasons similar to those identified above

Types of development

It should be clear from what I have written above that I am cautious about targets based on projections.

The “gung ho” response to the targets is to dedesignate large chunks of the Green Belt, and/or densify on a large scale right now.

I would argue that a much more cautious and incremental approach is required. Otherwise we may find that we have lost Green Belt or thrust into the sky unnecessarily, or at least on an unnecessarily large scale. That is not to suggest that Enfield would be left with unoccupied housing; the likelihood is that people would be attracted to move into Enfield rather than (say) Barnet or Broxbourne (to that extent population projections could become self-fulfilling).

I note also that the recent CPRE report on Enfield suggests that brownfield sites could provide room for [37,000] dwellings. Every effort should be made to identify and bring into use such sites before contemplating development on a damaging scale elsewhere.

So the main choice presented – between building on the Green Belt and densification – may be a false dichotomy.

To put it crudely, if we have to damage the borough, let’s make sure it is not on a scale far bigger than it needs to be. The damage cannot for the most part be undone.

I oppose dedesignating areas of the Green Belt (or for that matter Metropolitan Open Land, which often provides the green relief between buildings).

My instinctive preference is to prefer densification. After all, this has been going on for decades with houses being replaced by flats in areas such as Bush Hill Park and Bycullah Road. We might not like it while it is happening but some of it is inevitable.

However, this was before I saw the proposals for large tower blocks on the site of Southgate Office Village, which strip off the veneer and show what “densification near transport hubs” red in tooth and claw actually mean. The tallest block would be eighteen storeys high and would dominate views from miles around. It would be more than twice the height of any other building in the area. In days past this would have been seen as a compelling reason not to approve such a development but in this topsy-turvy world, the opposite seems to be true, with planners (according to the developers) actively encouraging building that high.

It is argued that such a development would revitalise Southgate, in particular the shopping areas. This seems unlikely as online shopping becomes more and more prevalent. Other areas of the borough seem to be struggling much more and some of them already have towers on their skyline. It may sound a bit “NIMBY” but you don’t make those areas better by spending money making Southgate worse.

There is an irony that local authorities have spent millions in recent years replacing tower blocks with low rise redevelopments, apparently without significant loss of density. Presumably this is because the towers were surrounded by some open land. So why are towers so necessary now –

unless high densities are to be attained by doing away with the gaps and squeezing up tight to existing properties?

If anything, tower blocks (granted, mostly not private sector) seem to be associated more with deprivation and decline than with roaring economic success. Ah, but those were the mistakes made by planners forty years ago. Planners are much wiser now (they say) and would not make the same mistakes again. My fear is that that is *exactly* what planners forty years on may be saying about today's planners.

A bit about me

I am a retired government statistician and an occasional user of demographic statistics and projections, though I believe I have some insight into how they are prepared. I am also familiar with how the desire for certainty can lead to qualifications and provisos being lost sight of in using the data.

I believe that I am also well qualified to critique CLG's affordability ratio and the bizarre manner in which they feed into CLG's targets. I am also well aware of how targets, even those which look inherently reasonable, affect the behaviours of those subject to the targets and can lead to "game playing".

I am also Chair of the Grovelands Residents' Association. However, these comments are made in a purely personal capacity.

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ANNEX: Targets for housebuilding- some serious flaws

1. Summary

The misuse of projections as “facts” (see section 3)

- Targets are based on demographic projections.
- These are based on recent trends.
- Trends can and do change (e.g. London after the mid 1980s).
- Although they “do what it says on the tin”, users are warned that take no account of actual or potential changes in policy (or indeed Brexit).
- They can serve as warnings of what may happen without sharp policy change.
- They should be the *start* point for the discussion, not the finish.
- False certainty leads to rashness; caution is required.

Creation of a vicious circle; the distorting effects of targets (see section 4)

- The more you build, the more people are attracted to the area.
- This **increases** trend growth.
- Because targets are based on trend-based projections, this **increases** the targets you are subsequently asked to reach.
- It is a feedback loop which could lead to never-ending and increasing demands to build further housing.

Use of an affordability criterion to further increase targets (see section 5)

- DCLG targets further inflate the GLA targets via the concept of affordability.
- The criterion adopted is simple, even simplistic and little attempt is made to justify its use.
- It is based entirely on affordability of owner-occupation (why not also rental?).
- “... it is worrying that it is to be used as a central indicator in local authority housing needs planning” (Geoffrey Meen, University of Reading).

Illogicality of application of the affordability criterion (see section 6)

- There is a case for saying that an area needs (say) an extra 500 dwellings each year to assist affordability.
- This should then be **added** to the number of dwellings required on purely demographic grounds.
- But it isn't. The adjustment factor is applied **multiplicatively** to the demographic requirement.
- So if there is no demographic need, **nothing will be done to influence affordability**, however poorly an area rates according to the criterion.
- Even if affordability is no longer an issue after a building boom, the boom has generated higher demographic trends which **inflate subsequent targets**.
- Thus it further **exacerbates the vicious circle** which is inherent in even the demography-based targets.

2. Setting the Scene

There are **two sets of potential targets, one set by the GLA and another much higher set by central government.**

Assessment of housing need is traditionally based on **projections of numbers of households**, which in turn are based on projections of population. The government has overlaid something extra on top of that, based on the concept of **affordability**, which largely explains the discrepancy between what the GLA says is needed (1,876 new dwellings p a) and what the government says (3,500). It also explains why the number of dwellings that DCLG thinks Enfield should provide for **exceeds** the projected increase in population.

There are issues with both elements. These are being ignored, particularly by DCLG, providing a **false impression of certainty about what needs to happen**. The motives? Possibly frustration at the perceived failure to build enough new dwellings and the difficulties for first time buyers in London and the South East. Possibly to provide simplicity. The most obvious beneficiaries, though, are the potential developers.

I am concerned that we are stumbling into accepting the inevitability of future growth being concentrated in London and the South East “because the market says so”. **Nobody seems to ask whether economic growth that is purely down to population growth is beneficial**. Some other regions are in desperate need of growth of both kinds but all we get on that is words, not action.

I am also concerned that the design of the targets punishes those who meet them. **A vicious circle is being created** (see section 4).

3. The misuse of projections as “facts”

The projected level of growth in population in London and Enfield often seems to be presented as factual and inevitable. It is certainly possible but it is not a fact. It is not even a forecast. To quote from the ONS population projections release:-

*“They are trend-based projections, which means assumptions for future levels of births, deaths and migration are based on observed levels mainly over the previous five years. **They show what the population will be if recent trends continue.**”*

and

“The projections generally do not take into account any policy changes that have not yet occurred, nor those that have not yet had an impact on observed trends.”

Brexit effects? No, they’re not in there.

These provisos disappear without trace in the DCLG policy papers and indicative calculations.

Household projections additionally use projections of average household size. For Enfield it is projected that average household size will fall hence:-

“Projection scenarios to 2036 show an increase of roughly 51,000 in population and an additional 31,000 households to Enfield’s current 333,000 people and 130,000 households.”

Projections are meant to be treated with care. Sometimes they can act as a prod to produce actions which are designed to *stop* the projection becoming reality – think of climate change projections.

As an example of how trends can change, think back to the 1980s. **London’s population had been falling for decades**. That was seen as a big problem, particularly for the inner cities. Population projections made then would have suggested a further fall in London’s population. We know how that turned out. Maybe that was just “the market”, maybe government policy changed in response to the policy problem.

A more local, if less dramatic example. In November 2015, we had:-

“... a population that according to official Office for National Statistics forecasts may very well exceed the 400,000 mark by the time the Plan comes to an end in 2032” (Consultation on a New Plan for Enfield 2017-2032, November 2015).

In the current consultation this has become 390,000 by 2036. Do the maths and **about a quarter of projected growth has disappeared as a result of the population projections being revised.**

Associated with this, when looking at the Grovelands school proposal, the projected increase in primary demand in the area in the 2020s just melted away at some point – because birth rates had declined, sharply reducing projections for the primary age group.

Of course future rounds of projections could reinstate the higher figures, or reduce them further.

Birth rates have been falling, we are told that life expectancy is no longer increasing, net domestic migration out of London has resumed (after drying up post-2008), we have possible Brexit-related impacts (direct or indirect). My money would be on a further revision down but nobody knows.

The conclusion I draw from this is that authorities **need to be cautious and be prepared for a range of eventualities.** In particular, do not *now* de-designate swathes of Green Belt (or MOL) and invite in the developers big time, because if you do it may prove impossible to slow down development even if that is the right thing to do.

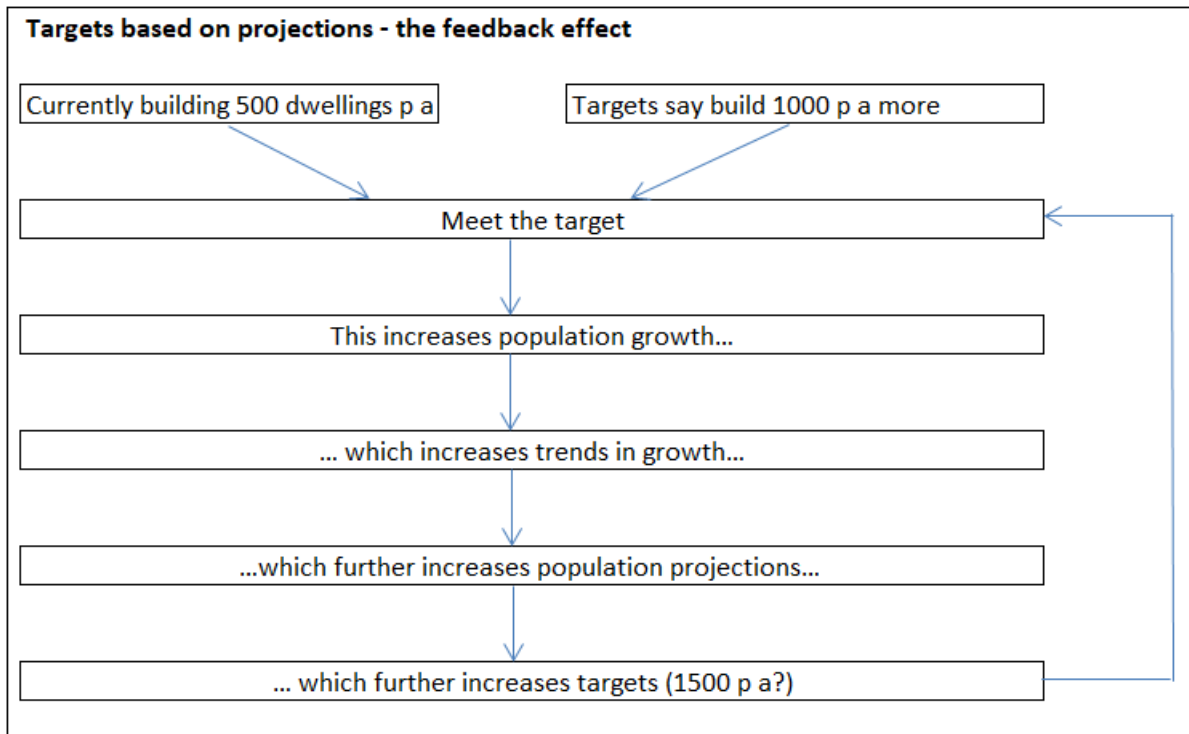
There are of course some who would benefit from such a welcoming policy. Developers, obviously – there is a suspicion that **making greenfield sites available leads to delays in developing brownfield sites** as the latter are less attractive/profitable for developers.

One wonders also whether councils see rapid development as a means of enhancing their revenue base when their finances are under severe stress. Of course expenditure also has to increase to provide facilities to cope with the level of growth, so you may end up running to stand still. We are also sometimes told that London's or Enfield's economy “needs to grow”, thus population increase which facilitates this is to be welcomed. But if both the economy and the population grow by 20%, we are no better off economically and have a more crowded borough to boot. Nobody is better off – except the developers!

4. Creation of a vicious circle; the distorting effects of targets

One other consequence of over-reliance on household projections. If an authority increases its rate of housebuilding, it will inevitably see higher population growth as a result. Note that this does not “justify” the original targets, as it probably means that people have been attracted to move into that area rather than one which has built less “Build it and they will come”.

This will be picked up as an increase in the trend in the next rounds of population projections. **So the next target will be even higher!**



So, if you are “good” you get punished for it by being asked to be “even better”.

Specifically, you probably only get one Meridian Water in a lifetime. Enfield’s housebuilding will probably be at its height during its development. But that will increase Enfield’s target for (say) housebuilding up to 2040, even though there is no such comparable site available, perhaps forcing intrusion into the Green Belt.

Targets set in this trend-based fashion take no account of the lumpiness of development, or indeed of wider land availability issues.

This ratchet effect is exacerbated by the application by DCLG of an affordability criterion and in particular by the very odd way in which it is applied.

As London is projected to see particularly high demographic growth and also has the most acute affordability issues, we seem to be setting up a dangerous feedback mechanism whereby London will be subjected to **never-ending and increasing demands to build new housing** and a population that increases exponentially or worse.

As a political aside, some would argue that this seems to be the precise opposite of what the country as a whole needs, an abdication of responsibility for assisting areas of the country which need a lot of help.

It is widely recognised that the need to meet targets – even those that initially look sensible – can distort behaviour and lead to “game playing”. The health system is notorious for this.

This is not an argument against the use of targets as such but it is essential that **possible consequences of the form of the target should be properly thought through**, both by those setting the targets and by those subjected to them. I see no evidence that this has happened.

5. Use of an affordability criterion to further increase targets

The government has introduced a further complexity in an attempt to tackle perceived housing shortages. This is based on a published set of statistics known as “affordability ratios”. This is

Median¹ price of houses sold

divided by

Median annual earnings of individual

If the ratio is above a certain cut-off level (set at 4, without any obvious justification), an upward adjustment is made to the number of new dwellings that needs to be provided. **Affordability ratios are much higher in London than in the rest of the country** (see Annex) so you end up with much higher upward adjustments. In the case of Enfield it is not far off doubling the requirement, to the extent that the number of new dwellings required (3600 p a) is actually higher than projected population growth (3,000 p a)!

ONS metadata: *“While there are **many more factors that influence affordability**, the simple ratio provides an overview of geographic differences across England and Wales.”* The “many more factors” are ignored by DCLG in favour of simplicity. On the surface it looks like a test mortgage lenders might apply but that would be for a real purchase buying a real dwelling, not a notional one.

Also:-

*“We are highly critical of the simplest – the house price to earnings ratio; the ratio provides no information on the distribution of outcomes across household types and income levels, it can be misleading as an indicator of changes in affordability over time even at the aggregate level and **it is worrying that it is to be used as a central indicator in local authority housing needs planning.**”*

²*(Paper by Geoffrey Meen, 2018.)*

Note that earnings is workplace-based, thus the question posed is “can you afford to buy where you work?” rather than “**can you afford to buy where you live?**”. It is not clear why workplace-based has been used as residence-based measures are also available.

It is also **individual earnings** rather than household earnings and of course excluded any benefits.

Also note that it is based **entirely on the owner occupier market**. But it is unrealistic to suppose that everyone ought to be able to buy a house. Some would be worried (or any potential lender would be worried) that their source of income is insufficiently reliable. Others simply have no wish to go down that route. If rental income was directly proportional to house price that would not matter but it isn't; **rental returns are highest where housing is relatively cheap**. So it could distort comparisons, **making London look (even) less affordable**.

The affordability ratio is also irrelevant for those who own a dwelling outright and increasingly irrelevant as a mortgage is paid off. Even if we stick to dwellings purchased, should we not be

¹ The median is “halfway” through the distribution. 50% of houses cost more than the median and 50% cost less. The median is often preferred to the mean as an average measure for datasets which relate to income or wealth, as the mean can be heavily influenced by a few very high values which are irrelevant to 99.9% of the population.

² “How should housing affordability be measured” (Geoffrey Meen, University of Reading, 2018)

looking at **potential first time buyers and the dwellings nearer the bottom of the price range** that they would be looking at? As previously noted, they might not be looking near where they work in any case. **Would I have been looking to buy my first flat in Westminster?**

My personal suspicion is that, although there is a case for trying to tackle affordability, the extra dwellings produced on that account would turn out to have far less affordable housing in it than originally planned – this happens a lot – and most of it would be taken up by migrants into the borough, leaving just as bad an affordability situation in its wake. It seems unlikely that it would be occupied by the numbers of homeless people with which Enfield has to cope.

6. Illogicality of application of the affordability criterion

The oddest thing about the way the government is using the affordability ratio is that the upward adjustment made on its basis is made **multiplicatively**.

How not to apply an affordability criterion			
Consider three authorities with the same amount of housing stock			
- the same amount of housing stock			
- the same affordability issue (as assessed by DCLG)			
- different projected demography-based need			
Suppose that DCLG's affordability adjustment factor (for all three) is 1.5.			
	Authority A	Authority B	Authority C
Demographic need	0	1000	2000
This is then multiplied by 2 to get the total need			
Total need	0	1500	3000
So by subtraction			
Element added for affordability	0	500	1000
So nothing is done for affordability in authority A			
Twice as much is done for affordability in authority C, compared with authority B			
But affordability is the same issue in each area, measured now for the existing population.			
So logically the element for affordability should be the same in each of the areas			
(Consistent) element added for affordability (say)	400	400	400
This should then be added to the demographic need			
Giving an overall need of	400	1400	2400

If an affordability adjustment is to be made, it needs to be additive (thus the same in all three cases) rather than multiplicative.

Because this measure of affordability picks out London as the most problematic area, it will disproportionately increase the housing targets for London. This is **precisely the opposite** of what is needed to help other regions. **It will also worsen the vicious circle element already present in the reliance on household projections.**

TABLE: Affordability-based ratios (workplace-based) as published by ONS (extract for regions, London and Hertfordshire)

Name	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
England and Wales	3.89	4.13	4.42	5.06	5.85	6.51	6.74	6.96	7.17	6.90	6.35	6.83	6.73	6.76	6.74	6.95	7.37	7.60	7.78
England	3.96	4.18	4.50	5.12	5.91	6.58	6.79	6.95	7.15	6.95	6.39	6.85	6.80	6.77	6.76	7.09	7.52	7.72	7.91
North East	3.07	2.98	3.00	3.29	3.95	4.73	5.18	5.68	5.74	5.54	5.20	5.38	5.10	5.00	5.02	5.02	5.15	5.22	5.21
North West	3.09	3.13	3.23	3.51	4.02	4.83	5.33	5.68	5.83	5.58	5.20	5.46	5.28	5.24	5.18	5.42	5.55	5.64	5.79
Yorkshire and The	3.15	3.14	3.23	3.55	4.20	5.14	5.49	5.77	6.03	5.72	5.27	5.66	5.39	5.35	5.29	5.54	5.68	5.78	5.90
East Midlands	3.42	3.46	3.72	4.18	5.04	5.94	6.07	6.15	6.43	6.10	5.42	5.80	5.71	5.56	5.62	5.94	6.28	6.48	6.78
West Midlands	3.53	3.67	3.92	4.42	5.21	6.02	6.20	6.36	6.48	6.08	5.82	6.19	5.93	5.90	5.84	6.21	6.27	6.38	6.60
East	4.11	4.42	4.77	5.78	6.51	7.17	7.38	7.44	7.77	7.62	6.86	7.45	7.32	7.27	7.43	7.83	8.42	8.96	9.66
London	4.94	5.54	5.95	6.57	7.10	7.48	7.63	7.91	7.94	8.08	7.42	8.24	8.50	8.53	8.96	10.08	11.05	12.03	12.36
South East	4.75	5.35	5.88	6.38	7.22	7.58	7.84	8.02	8.40	8.22	7.28	8.09	8.05	7.99	8.26	8.56	9.13	9.76	10.26
South West	4.24	4.59	5.04	5.98	7.00	7.68	7.99	8.02	8.29	8.03	7.24	7.76	7.61	7.59	7.53	7.78	8.17	8.53	8.81
Wales	3.16	3.26	3.33	3.71	4.31	5.38	6.01	6.25	6.59	6.32	5.70	5.82	5.57	5.63	5.54	5.64	5.75	5.82	5.76
Camden	7.71	8.91	9.09	9.88	9.33	9.67	10.20	10.64	12.10	12.46	11.27	12.59	13.62	13.39	15.69	17.69	18.41	19.46	19.95
City of London	5.45	5.50	6.01	6.04	6.94	6.46	6.78	6.98	7.91	7.43	7.32	8.66	8.37	8.78	10.61	12.79	15.25	14.42	14.83
Hackney	4.43	5.36	6.37	7.12	7.75	7.87	7.61	7.97	8.62	8.63	8.06	8.39	8.80	9.19	11.12	12.68	14.60	16.57	15.91
Hammersmith and	7.20	8.63	9.12	8.92	9.27	10.18	10.30	11.32	11.78	12.58	11.23	13.13	12.73	13.52	15.92	18.55	21.06	20.86	20.86
Haringey	5.43	6.46	7.13	7.74	8.47	8.84	9.06	8.51	9.51	9.04	8.77	9.46	10.77	10.65	11.14	12.70	14.03	15.46	16.80
Islington	6.37	7.33	7.59	7.02	7.39	8.22	8.78	8.38	9.63	9.76	9.19	10.77	11.25	11.05	11.92	13.61	15.69	15.17	15.69
Kensington and Ch	13.08	14.38	14.61	14.63	15.07	16.76	17.13	18.78	22.39	22.01	22.57	24.34	24.85	28.48	30.42	38.33	37.93	38.96	40.69
Lambeth	4.97	6.10	7.08	7.53	7.86	7.95	7.94	8.08	8.81	9.16	7.93	8.90	8.76	9.06	9.61	11.80	12.91	14.42	14.65
Lewisham	3.79	4.25	5.37	5.93	7.25	6.93	6.60	7.40	7.86	7.82	6.96	7.40	8.02	8.17	8.20	10.00	11.25	12.03	12.42
Newham	3.61	4.45	4.99	6.21	7.28	7.14	7.41	7.69	8.20	8.14	6.49	6.60	7.17	7.17	7.70	8.60	10.14	11.06	12.65
Southwark	5.05	5.83	6.49	6.70	6.82	7.43	8.02	7.66	8.38	9.13	8.26	8.70	8.94	9.01	9.53	11.56	12.72	13.46	14.30
Tower Hamlets	5.04	5.52	5.76	6.34	6.08	5.81	6.08	6.29	6.69	7.16	6.37	6.86	6.53	6.73	6.78	7.76	8.75	10.05	9.68
Wandsworth	6.80	7.71	9.07	9.57	9.88	9.56	10.17	10.90	11.47	11.60	10.50	11.79	12.17	12.95	14.29	16.57	17.05	18.71	19.73
Westminster	8.39	9.56	10.25	10.73	11.11	10.80	11.35	12.25	12.72	13.87	13.45	14.74	16.31	16.07	19.76	22.28	22.28	24.50	24.57
Barking and Dagen	2.93	3.32	3.85	4.31	5.40	5.94	6.11	6.21	5.96	6.50	5.28	5.85	6.03	5.19	5.54	6.27	7.12	8.94	10.72
Barnet	6.59	7.01	8.13	8.50	9.44	9.77	9.25	10.16	10.57	10.29	9.18	10.57	10.83	10.98	11.41	12.52	14.24	14.41	15.88
Bexley	4.48	4.93	5.56	6.26	7.15	8.21	7.56	7.69	7.86	7.59	6.91	7.57	7.58	7.69	7.72	8.74	9.14	11.04	11.04
Brent	5.72	5.95	7.04	8.38	8.95	9.48	9.71	9.83	10.64	10.36	9.82	10.77	11.17	11.50	12.13	12.70	13.34	14.66	15.86
Bromley	6.67	7.93	9.40	10.22	10.42	10.38	9.49	9.33	9.74	9.53	9.16	9.74	9.76	9.79	10.22	11.64	11.99	13.22	14.57
Croydon	4.34	4.80	5.91	6.31	7.36	7.51	7.83	7.68	8.45	8.37	7.26	7.52	7.59	7.80	7.60	8.02	9.63	10.51	11.21
Ealing	5.69	6.31	6.70	7.39	8.58	8.47	8.70	9.22	9.46	9.51	8.85	9.57	9.98	9.74	10.93	12.79	14.48	15.73	15.96
Enfield	4.67	4.85	5.18	5.88	7.79	6.86	8.13	8.25	8.62	9.24	8.09	8.71	9.09	9.03	9.69	10.85	12.20	12.97	13.94
Greenwich	3.96	4.70	5.73	6.52	6.99	6.97	7.41	7.56	7.47	7.60	7.30	7.54	8.35	8.14	8.72	10.71	10.87	12.72	12.90
Harrow	5.68	6.42	6.97	8.07	9.87	9.70	9.52	9.78	10.53	10.28	9.08	10.14	10.75	11.22	12.22	13.63	14.46	14.73	15.98
Havering	5.10	5.88	6.63	8.56	9.23	10.14	8.03	7.58	8.36	7.85	7.06	7.72	7.74	7.77	7.70	8.33	9.15	11.24	12.01
Hillingdon	4.08	4.79	5.22	6.08	6.98	7.32	7.36	7.86	7.92	7.93	7.28	7.80	7.44	7.39	7.28	8.68	10.36	11.78	12.34
Hounslow	5.29	5.51	6.26	6.87	7.40	7.65	7.43	8.60	8.97	8.48	7.51	7.92	7.63	8.17	8.88	9.38	10.08	10.76	11.08
Kingston upon Tha	6.27	7.05	7.70	8.42	9.03	9.70	9.62	9.61	10.27	11.02	9.64	10.45	10.35	10.70	11.21	12.15	13.97	14.64	15.46
Merton	6.06	7.17	7.28	7.98	8.67	9.39	8.85	9.65	9.49	9.48	8.89	10.29	10.51	10.10	10.92	13.62	13.22	16.18	15.44
Redbridge	4.75	5.63	6.25	7.18	8.07	9.47	8.35	8.34	8.50	8.54	7.40	8.08	8.38	9.34	8.67	9.32	11.68	13.46	14.36
Richmond upon Th	7.84	9.30	9.45	10.51	10.41	10.72	11.00	11.18	11.98	12.02	11.03	12.53	13.04	13.49	14.38	16.17	17.30	18.18	19.91
Sutton	4.80	5.22	5.59	6.43	7.05	7.49	7.74	8.19	9.01	9.20	8.16	8.56	8.79	9.51	8.32	10.54	11.49	12.18	12.92
Waltham Forest	4.15	4.63	5.30	6.42	7.29	7.73	8.99	8.97	9.25	9.02	7.59	8.11	8.21	8.81	8.79	11.33	12.26	14.82	15.71
Broxbourne	5.47	6.06	6.55	7.37	8.31	8.63	8.21	8.69	9.77	8.78	8.35	8.89	8.58	8.96	8.64	8.76	9.60	12.45	11.41
Dacorum	4.83	5.67	6.05	6.21	7.07	7.66	8.11	8.42	8.23	8.29	7.87	8.75	8.63	8.75	8.86	10.15	11.91	11.16	12.77
East Hertfordshire	5.46	5.92	6.35	6.89	7.77	8.33	8.75	9.54	9.70	10.30	8.95	9.26	9.32	9.25	9.12	9.90	10.30	11.33	12.97
Hertsmere	5.94	6.15	6.56	7.78	9.02	8.95	9.30	9.73	10.37	10.16	8.50	8.51	10.85	9.65	10.17	12.52	12.67	13.98	14.22
North Hertfordshi	4.54	5.06	5.95	6.01	7.38	7.78	7.67	8.01	8.87	8.37	7.32	7.76	8.30	8.16	8.07	8.54	8.99	10.49	10.50
St Albans	7.32	8.58	9.04	9.47	10.53	10.28	10.39	10.52	11.09	11.14	10.05	12.36	12.69	12.47	13.92	13.62	15.01	16.96	16.59
Stevenage	2.99	3.74	3.83	5.07	5.09	5.28	6.09	5.88	6.40	6.51	5.61	5.71	5.46	5.24	5.73	5.93	6.67	7.43	7.61
Three Rivers	5.42	6.32	6.67	6.73	6.98	7.54	7.45	7.33	7.65	7.52	7.62	8.75	9.31	10.01	10.28	11.29	13.14	13.42	13.85
Watford	3.75	5.06	5.01	6.42	6.53	7.36	7.73	7.63	8.70	8.58	7.47	8.15	8.74	8.04	7.74	8.36	10.98	11.09	12.66
Welwyn Hatfield	4.39	4.85	5.37	6.10	6.75	7.67	6.60	7.18	7.18	7.38	7.44	7.86	9.17	8.10	8.74	8.81	9.74	11.08	11.19

Source: ONS

The green belt area at Crews Hill should not be touched. The garden centres in this area are visited by 1000's of different people constantly though out the years and to have this affected by allowing properties to be built will change everything that crews Hill stands for. This **CANNOT BE ALLOWED** and the green belt land must be saved. The comments provided in my response to this consultation are my own views

We must keep these lovely open spaces which we are so lucky to have in Enfield. The garden centres at Crews Hill especially need to be kept there for keen gardeners & anyone else who appreciates the lovely walks around the area. We cannot keep building concrete houses etc. As we need open spaces & pleasant country areas for our sanity in this troubled world. As been stated there are enough brownfield sites for housing etc.

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2. The Green Belt land should be utilised to grow food for London's expanding population.

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5. The space above some of the railway lines in the Borough could be decked over and built on. Winchmore Hill, Gordon Hill, New Southgate and Cockfosters (Depot) could be considered.

6. Concerning improving public transport and making it more attractive:-

Four tracking of the Lea Valley railway line should be introduced in an incremental manner ahead of CrossRail2.

Enfield Lock should be an interim end point of four tracking.

Far better interchange between bus and train should be arranged by moving bus stops nearer stations. Brimsdown

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7. A station should be opened at Carterhatch Lane on the Southbury Loop as a catalyst for regeneration.

Please consider these comments to be my response to the Consultation.

Good afternoon

I have lived in Enfield for over 25 years. Sadly it has become so polluted over the years with more and more cars and expanding highways, there is barely any room for parks and clean air.

The council must do a lot more to reduce pollution and over population.

In my view, there are several areas that really need improvement

-encouraging all drivers to switch their engines off when parked in a car park or a road. Every single day I walk past selfish drivers who sit in their cars or vans with engines running. I would sometimes go into a supermarket and do some shopping before walking past a very smelly smoky car with the engine on, come out 20 min later, and the same car is still there with the engine on.

They often park outside my house, and I cannot even open the window or I would get all the pollution in the house.

The council must put signs up to remind drivers that it is illegal to have the engine running when parked. I think we can afford to say enough is enough when so many of us have breathing problems and so many lives are lost due to pollution.

Also, please **PLEASE** plant more TREES on my road, they have a calming effect on people and are well known to reduce violence and help mental health, as well as reduce pollution. This year I have planted 3 threes in the garden with my grown children.

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The garden centres are unique to Enfield, there is nowhere like it anywhere in the UK or Europe and should be protected as such.

People come from far and wide to visit this area, they have a day out, spending at the nurseries, shops and cafes bringing welcome business and prosperity to all the other small businesses in this area.

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I write to express dismay and disgust at various the current plans to sacrifice valuable greenbelt land for housing. It is shortsighted, and sets a dangerous precedent for future generations. I believe there are sufficient brownfield sites available for this purpose and these should be given priority.

Use of greenbelt land raises the following issues

1. Loss of wildlife space will have an effect on the balance of the ecosystem. However minimal this may initially appear, the longer term effects will show that this was just the thin edge of the proverbial wedge. It is naive and dangerous to believe otherwise.
2. Our open spaces contribute greatly to the mental well-being of residents who would normally live in town and city areas, where there is noise, pollution, stress, and a need to have an easily accessible healthy and relaxing environment.
3. The financial benefits to the local authority of selling valuable land for development, and the associated profits for the developers are an integral part of such plans. However, the integrity of such business urgently needs to be weighed against the benefits to the wider environment of using brownfield sites.

I hope my thoughts and comments will receive due consideration.

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Question 1 –

I have identified the following policies that are still Relevant because they highlight the importance of and/or protect the Green Belt:

Core Strategy: 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 20, 21, 25, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36.

Development Management Document: 59, 61-65, 72-75, 77, 82-91.

The following policies that relate to the Green Belt need to be Changed:

Core Strategy: 29 and 32 should be changed to reflect the importance of the Green Belt to these functions.

Development Management Document: 71, 78, 79 and 80 should remove the loopholes that make the stated protection dubious.

Several policies in both documents need to be changed to allow changes of land use [excluding the Green Belt] that would permit mixed use development.

Question 2 –

1. NO GREEN BELT SITES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR RELEASE. GROWTH CAN BE ACCOMMODATED ON PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED LAND/ BROWNFIELD.

2. Enfield RoadWatch and CPRE-London have compiled a comprehensive register of brownfield opportunities of all types and sizes which shows sufficient sites for housing and infrastructure during the plan period and beyond.

3. The A10 Retail Parks and Southbury area should be masterplanned before piecemeal development picks away at the prime sites. With increased train service, this area could provide a new mixed-use community of many more homes than Meridian Water.

4. Enfield's Strategic Industrial Locations [SIL] need to be masterplanned so that areas closest to public transport can be released for mixed use development, while other areas can be intensified through stacking or better land-use, with no loss of employment.

Question 3 –

a) All the options listed on page 9 are worth exploring, except for the final option which suggests revisiting the Green Belt boundaries, which is unnecessary, given that a robust, thorough and professional boundary review was conducted, approved and adopted in 2013. To quote the Council itself: *The review's primary objective is to provide for a strong defensible Green Belt boundary that will endure and protect the openness and rural character of the surrounding countryside of Enfield from encroachment. The review provides an understanding of the current strengths and weaknesses of the existing Green Belt boundaries and has in turn recommended amending the boundary where appropriate to provide certainty over the next 15 to 20 years.* Another boundary review should not be

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b) The Council should explore the development opportunities offered by possible increased service on the Liverpool Street – Cheshunt line, which would allow some development and improvements on suitable sites at Southbury and Turkey Street Stations, in addition to Edmonton Green. It should also explore the possibility of reinstating the Carterhatch Lane Station on this line between Southbury and Turkey Street, to permit some development in that area.

c) The Local Plan revision should not be used as a reason to release Green Belt. It is unnecessary.

d) Please see my response to Q2.

e) The suggested options will definitely contribute to the accommodation of Enfield's growing population. However, these options need to be combined with creative masterplanning of several large sites, including the Southbury/A10 corridor, Brimsdown and Edmonton Green and its surrounds, and more estate regeneration, all in conjunction with transportation upgrades. All these solutions together will not only provide good homes for the borough's residents, but will create new vibrant communities and improvements in deprived areas. **THERE IS NO NEED TO BUILD ON THE GREEN BELT!**

Question 4 –

a) Yes!

b) The options are not clear, but I would support a policy that values and protects Enfield's heritage and culture.

d) Hard to answer without a definition of 'appropriate'.

Question 5 –

a) Yes

b) Depends on the location

c) Yes

Question 8 –

Please refer to my response to Q2 about the brownfield register.

Question 10 –

c) Please refer to my responses to Q2 and Q3.

d) Industry should not be moved into the Green Belt. Additional employment space can be achieved by mixed-use development and intensification of existing industrial sites.

Question 13 –

All of the above, plus leisure centres, Council offices, transport hubs and retail.

Question 14 –

c) The importance of open and blue spaces cannot be judged by their quality, accessibility or size. Open spaces serve a wide variety of purposes. In addition to the traditional five purposes of the Green Belt, a long list of environmental, economic and social benefits have now been identified including:

- Creating a sense-of-place and facilitating community cohesion;
- Increasing physical activity for adults and children;
- Adapting to climate change through CO2 absorption, shading or flood alleviation;
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- Creating more attractive places to work, live and visit;
- Encouraging active transport like walking and cycling;
- Improving air quality;

- Improving water quality by reducing harmful runoff into local rivers; and
- Enhancing biodiversity and opportunities for wildlife.

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d) and e) I refer you to my previous response. Open spaces, including the Green Belt, serve many functions and should be preserved and protected.

h) It can contribute a lot by not building on the Green Belt!

Question 16 –

c) Protect the Green Belt and don't suggest building on it.

I look forward to a Draft Local Plan that has creative solutions and does not target any sections of the Green Belt for de-designation.

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The station allows younger working families to travel to the city but the other local amenities needed for more development are totally lacking

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*defensible Green Belt boundary that will endure and protect the openness and rural character of the surrounding countryside of Enfield from encroachment. The review provides an understanding of the current strengths and weaknesses of the existing Green Belt boundaries and has in turn recommended amending the boundary where appropriate to provide certainty **over the next 15 to 20 years**.* Another boundary review should not be needed until 2028 at the earliest.

b) The Council should explore the development opportunities offered by possible increased service on the Liverpool Street – Cheshunt line, which would allow some development and improvements on suitable sites at Southbury and Turkey Street Stations, in addition to Edmonton Green. It should also explore the possibility of reinstating the Carterhatch Lane Station on this line between Southbury and Turkey Street, to permit some development in that area.

c) The Local Plan revision should not be used as a reason to release Green Belt. It is unnecessary.

d) Please see my response to Q2.

e) The suggested options will definitely contribute to the accommodation of Enfield's growing population. However, these options need to be combined with creative masterplanning of several large sites, including the Southbury/A10 corridor, Brimsdown and Edmonton Green and its surrounds, and more estate regeneration, all in conjunction with transportation upgrades. All these solutions together will not only provide good homes for the borough's residents, but will create new vibrant communities and improvements in deprived areas. THERE IS NO NEED TO BUILD ON THE GREEN BELT!

Question 4 –

a) Yes!

b) The options are not clear, but I would support a policy that values and protects Enfield's heritage and culture.

d) Hard to answer without a definition of 'appropriate'.

Question 5 –

a) Yes

b) Depends on the location

c) Yes

Question 8 –

Please refer to my response to Q2 about the brownfield register.

Question 10 –

c) Please refer to my responses to Q2 and Q3.

d) Industry should not be moved into the Green Belt. Additional employment space can be achieved by mixed-use development and intensification of existing industrial sites.

Question 13 –

All of the above, plus leisure centres, Council offices, transport hubs and retail.

Question 14 –

c) The importance of open and blue spaces cannot be judged by their quality, accessibility or size. Open spaces serve a wide variety of purposes. In addition to the traditional five purposes of the Green Belt, a long list of environmental, economic and social benefits have

now been identified including:

- Creating a sense-of-place and facilitating community cohesion;
- Increasing physical activity for adults and children;
- Adapting to climate change through CO2 absorption, shading or flood alleviation;
- Improving mental health;
- Creating more attractive places to work, live and visit;
- Encouraging active transport like walking and cycling;
- Improving air quality;
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- Enhancing biodiversity and opportunities for wildlife.

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d) and e) I refer you to my previous response. Open spaces, including the Green Belt, serve many functions and should be preserved and protected.

h) It can contribute a lot by not building on the Green Belt!

Question 16 –

c) Protect the Green Belt and don't suggest building on it.

I look forward to a Draft Local Plan that has creative solutions and does not target any sections of the Green Belt for de-designation.

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