

Examination on Draft Revised Enfield Local Plan

Response to Inspectors Matters, Issues and Questions Matter 4

This written statement is submitted to the EIP on behalf of the London Diocesan Fund ('LDF') in response to Questions and Matters for discussion at the Examination in Public, raised by the Inspector in relation to Matter 4.

General

The Diocese of London (LDF) is the group of Church of England organisations located in North London. It comprises parishes, schools, chaplaincies, missional communities and other organisations, which are united by their common Christian faith. The Diocese covers 277 square miles of Greater London north of the Thames from Staines in the west to the Isle of Dogs in the east and as far north as Enfield. They have significant land holdings across the Diocese, including land in the Green Belt that has significant development potential, such as this site. The Diocese seeks to promote sites such as this so that they optimise the potential of their landholdings to fund their wider ecclesiastical activities.

LDF is the freehold owner of various parcels of land within the London Borough of Enfield. This hearing statement relates solely to two of those parcels of land, forming part of the Chase Park draft allocation (SA10.1). These are Land Opposite Jolly Farmers (for which Gerald Eve submitted representations to the Regulation 19 consultation) and Land South of Enfield Road (for which Fairview New Homes submitted representations and, LDF understands, is submitting hearing statements). This Hearing Statement is presented in support of those statements previously made.

LDF is supportive of the overarching objectives and proposed allocations at Chase Park SA10 for a residential led development including community and retail uses together with strategic green infrastructure.

Matter 4: Green Belt

Issue 4.2: Whether removing land from the Green Belt as proposed in the Plan is necessary to ensure that the identified need for housing and employment development can be met in a way that promotes sustainable patterns of development.

Removing land from the Green Belt to provide land for housing and employment development

Q4.6: is there a quantitative need to remove land from the Green Belt in the Plan area to ensure the provision of at least 33,280 homes in the period by 2041?

LDF understands that the release of Green Belt land is necessary to deliver family housing in accordance with the spatial strategy of LBE. The release of the Chase Farm site enables the effective

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master planning of a development to achieve good design principles and the delivery of infrastructure to improve the sustainability of this site and its surrounding area.

Being surrounded by built development, both Land South of Enfield Road and land Opposite Jolly Farmers are obvious parcels for release from the Green Belt in any event, and incorporation into the Chase Farm allocation further assists effective delivery of much needed housing. If the Site remains in the Green Belt, it would be an island site incapable of fulfilling its purpose as Greenbelt and would not contribute to aim of the Green Belt set out in the National Planning Policy Framework ('NPPF').

Policies Map

Q4.11: Are the inset maps associated with Green Belt allocations in Appendix C consistent with what appears on the Policies Map?

It would be helpful if clear annotation / colour pallet/ shade options are used within both the Appendix C plan and the plan at policy SA10.1.

It should be clear from both plans that Land Opposite Jolly Farmers is not to remain in the Green Belt. In addition, it should be clear that the Site is not part of a heritage designation as it does not contain any heritage assets and no heritage assets are visible from the Site, and no heritage assets are related to the site.

LDF understand and supports the Site's inclusion within the allocation to deliver recreational infrastructure supporting a green corridor which will involve development and accordingly justify its release from the green belt.

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