

Examination on Draft Revised Enfield Local Plan

Response to Inspectors Matters, Issues and Questions Matter 2

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 2.

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 2: Housing Need and Supply

Issue 2.1 : Whether the assessment of overall housing need and the housing requirement is justified, positively prepared, consistent with national policy and in general conformity with the London Plan

In general, LDF recognises the need for provision of family housing within the Borough in order to maintain balanced and sustainable communities, and accordingly supports the approach taken by LBE in formulating their housing requirement.

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