
I am writing in response to the consultation on the draft Enfield Local Plan 2019-2039.

I live in Highlands Village which has been my home for 20 years. I was not born or educated in Enfield and I work in Hertfordshire but I have chosen to live in Enfield specifically because of the unique blend of urban and Green Belt space that it offers.

I object strongly to the proposals outlined in:

- Strategic Policy SP PL9: Crews Hill
- Strategic Policy SP PL10: Chase Park

One third of the land in Enfield is designated as Green Belt and this designation serves five purposes:

- to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas;
- to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another;
- to assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment;
- to preserve the setting and special character of historic towns; and
- to assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land

Inappropriate development is, by definition, harmful to the Green Belt and should not be approved except in 'very special circumstances'. When considering any planning application, it is incumbent upon local planning authorities to ensure that substantial weight is given to any harm to the Green Belt.

'Very special circumstances' will not exist unless the potential harm to the Green Belt by reason of inappropriateness, and any other harm resulting from the proposal, is clearly outweighed by other considerations.

My objection is simple and I would like to receive a full explanation of how the proposed significant encroachment on Green Belt land in SP PL9 & PL10 1) meets a definition of 'very special circumstances' , and 2) how these circumstances are clearly outweighed by other considerations.

I do not believe that the draft Local Plan sufficiently describes or evidences either of these two conditions for the significant encroachment onto Green Belt land as proposed.

Kind regards