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Dear colleagues,

I am a member of the Enfield EDRP and wrote the following note post our on line presentation and discussion.

I trust this is helpful.

The presentations this morning were excellent and clear. The challenges similarly so. I was not aware how acute the homelessness in Enfield was. This all being said the strategic planning goals and particularly the Spatial Strategy that drives it all was disappointing.

I am making a plea for more creative and holistic consideration that requires planning authorities to do things they have not previously considered. This is because the times and the speed of change combined with climate change demand it.

The plan uses the understood tools of spatial planning. These are combined with the pragmatism of what is known to be coming forward and ease of delivery to yield up the plan. This has to my mind led to a poor plan, perhaps the best it can be given the approach and pressures but, surely we must at least give creativity, design and quality thinking a chance to innovate and explore alternative solutions that unlock more satisfactory results.

My ask is that the design review panel that have now digested the presentations be allowed to come together for a day forum to explore if the spatial strategy and other areas of the plan could be better with planning officers together in the room.

My reason is that I have a number of thoughts that link many key issues together that were completely absent from the presentation and I have no doubt others will have too.

One linked thought or strand:

1. Carbon neutral by 2040 cannot be achieved without abolishing crematoria. This is a source of considerable income to Enfield who provide the service to Haringey who have no crematoria. Gas burning of bodies delivers a huge carbon foot print. It must be replaced by acid reduction or burial? Acid reduction is not popular culturally!
2. The Borough struggles to fund effectively parks upkeep to deliver high quality green spaces especially in the more deprived East of the Borough. Albany Park, Durrant and Ponder End are in the majority simply mown spaces, under used and feel unsafe. Alright to kick a ball or run round but actually feel unsafe and have limited value.
3. In planning development through s106 or other should contribute to park capital and revenue budgets to allow meaningful and relevant access to a quality of nature affording use by the whole community.
4. Or - Natural burial in local parks such as the above would serve to drive revenue income for the park on a large scale. In a non-secular society being buried in your local park is acknowledged. You would have a plaque or reference point on a wall or gate which would locate you in the park but after burial no impact on the park. the park would carry on performing its open space function and have money for capital works, community events and

stewardship etc.

Conclusion;

- Better open spaces
- Better access to nature
- Better bio diversity
- More jobs
- And a large site at the crematoria for development perhaps reducing the need to build on greenbelt?

Haringey discussed this as part of their net zero carbon by 2030. They also have run down recreation areas with limited resources for maintenance.

A forum of the people on the panel might be able to see ways of unlocking key systemic problems. The greenbelt sites issue alone demands leaving no stone unturned.

I would be grateful if this letter could be submitted as a response to the consultation process. Please note that I lived in Enfield for 9 years and am an EDRP panel member.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,