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Hi

Please note my comments on the draft Local Plan & on the consultation itself, which I have tried to keep brief in an effort to make the appointments as clear as possible:

1. The consultation is flawed due to inadequate length and the timing of the consultation - during the holiday period.
2. The inordinate length of the plan and the failure to provide an executive summary (other than a fairly pointless one page document) made it an unnecessarily daunting prospect for the average resident to cover every aspect in their reply.
3. Given the importance of, and legal requirement for, adequate consultation with the public, the plan must be subject to further consultation before being submitted to the secretary of state.
4. Despite lipservice being paid to the need to consider environmental imperatives, there is little or no real effort to address the pressing need to reduce pollution and/or protect/enhance green spaces.
5. Whereas the government and the council have pledged to protect the Green Belt, the plan as drafted gives little or no scope to resist applications to build on Green Belt land and indeed appears to envisage specific developments of this kind. and indeed appears to in visage specific developments of this kind.
6. Astonishingly, the plan fails to prioritize the most desperately needed housing requirements of Enfield, being the lack of family homes, particularly three and four bedroom homes, which are generally affordable to families on below average to average incomes, (average being average for the borough of Enfield). Instead, there is a tick box concentration on the number of homes as opposed to the type which should actually be provided to alleviate need, given the number of residents who have already been waiting many many years for adequate housing.
7. The indications throughout the plan that tall developments will be sympathetically considered is unacceptable in all but, possibly, a very few locations where they just may be considered appropriate.
8. The historic nature and particular character of all areas of the borough has been given no

adequate consideration, despite meaningless pledges to preserve it.

9. Overall, the plan, inexplicably, represents a developers charter to ruin the quality of the environment provided for the people of Enfield and a waste of the opportunity to be able to lead the field in providing for infield residents in the way that they deserve. It must be substantially rewritten and subject to further consultation and debate in full Council before any further steps are taken.