

I am writing to object to the following policies:

SP PL10, pages 80-87, and Figure 3.11; Policy SP PL9, pages 77-80 and Concept Plan Figure 3.10; Policy SA45: Land

Between Camlet Way and Crescent Way, Hadley Wood, page 364; Policy SA54, page 374; Policy SA62 page 372; and Policy SA62 page 383 and SP CL4 pages 277-279 –

In particular I object to the 3,000 new house referred to as Chase Park (also known as Vicarage Farm) A110- Enfield Road. Policy SP PL 10 pages 80-87 and Figure 3.11.

This is a direct road out of Enfield to Oakwood/Cockfosters/Barnet and is not suitable for accessing a housing estate directly onto this road. With a large development already taking place at Trent Park you have already increased the pressure on the infrastructure required to support these developments, ie hospital – Chase Farm was downgraded to a walk in and specialist centre - doctors, dentists etc. There is also the environmental impact of increased traffic and on the health and well-being of people already living around the area.

The proposals are to use Green Belt land for housing and other purposes.

Enfield has a unique and historic heritage, in particular Enfield Chase and once this large scale development is implemented the valuable landscape will be permanently lost and will change the character of the borough. We need to secure Enfield's Green Belt for future generations. It would be tragic indeed to squander it just as millions of Londoners, in the wake of the pandemic, have rediscovered its life-saving value. The COVID pandemic has shown how important green spaces are for peoples well-being and mental health.

Large developments are already taking place all over the borough including Meridian Way where thousands of homes are being built. 5,000 new homes at Trent Park and two schools, 1 primary and 1 secondary, when primary numbers are falling in the borough, along with numerous new homes being built on the Chase Farm Hospital site.

Proposed houses built on Green Belt land would not be the affordable homes that the borough needs and would only benefit developers and wealthier people. New housing should instead be built on "brownfield" sites - and according to previous research there is enough brownfield land available for building on. Whilst we are hopefully coming out of the COVID pandemic, Enfield Council is spending council funds on a review of the Green Belt at a time when it is not obliged to do so.

A few of the disbenefits of building on the Green Belt:

- Climate mitigation would be jeopardized, ecological recovery threatened.
- Our air would be dirtier.
- There would be less wholesome local food to eat.
- Wildlife would disappear.
- Local people would have fewer places to enjoy the outdoors.
- Significant health and wellbeing benefits would be lost.

Another reason why the council should take housing on Green Belt land off the agenda is that it would reduce its capacity to regenerate other parts of the borough:

- Funding cuts mean council officers have limited capacity and resources to deal with and respond to planning issues-their time would be much more effectively used ensuring brownfield sites such as Meridian Water are appropriately developed. Getting into what would almost certainly be tricky, expensive, and prolonged legal battles about the Green Belt will, apart from anything else, be inefficient and distracting, and will ultimately slow down housing delivery.
- Furthermore, allowing even the potential to build on the Green Belt would distract from the re-use and the intensification of Enfield's brownfield land. The development of Enfield's brownfield land needs to be prioritised for development in order to drive innovation and efficient use of this land, to make the best use of existing infrastructure, and to help ensure that these areas benefit from regeneration and investment.

I have copied this email into my local "Grange Ward" Councillors. whom I hope will be opposing the Enfield Draft Local Plan and will be looking to preserve our Green Belt and open spaces and also preserve the unique and historic heritage of Enfield.