

Enfield Draft Local Plan

Objections :

Enfield enjoys a rich history, not least the importance of the Chase. Dr John Langton , Emeritus Research Fellow at St John's College , Oxford, one of the country's leading experts on royal forests and chases has stated that "Enfield is the only surviving example of a chase". However, proposals are now in place to build on part of this important heritage **POLICY SP PL 10 pages 80-87, Fig 3.11**. This must not be allowed to happen. Comer Homes are planning to build 5000 homes . On their website they are described as AN AWARD WINNING DEVELOPER OF LUXURY HOMES and they use the words quality homes for this development so they certainly will not be providing affordable housing for Enfield residents.

Another section of the Chase will be lost with plans for 11 hectares of new industrial and storage and distribution use on what is currently agricultural land . **SA54 , p374**

Crews Hill , with its garden centres , is an important resource for Enfield residents, not only for gardeners but for families who enjoy visiting and patronising the several eateries. Many live in accommodation without gardens and see this as an opportunity for a family "day out " . Many elderly people also enjoy the centres as this is an accessible resource for them . 3000 new homes are planned for Crews Hill and the gardening centres will be lost . **POLICY SP PL9 pages 77-80, fig3.10**

Enfield has many important and listed buildings of which residents are proud. As a market town , its charter dates back to 1303 making it one of London's oldest surviving and active markets and yet this plan proposes to overshadow this by encouragement for tall buildings including the Town Centre Conservation Area **POLICY DE6 pages 156-60, SA2 page 321**

I understand the need for housing but building luxury homes on green belt and historically important land is not the answer.

I am also horrified to see the proposal for tower blocks referred to as tall buildings in the plan . "Appropriate locations " are shown in fig 7.4 page 159. These range from 9 storeys to 26 or from 27m to 78m. Have no lessons been learned from previous studies on the unsuitability of high rise living, the demolition of blocks (including in Edmonton a few years ago) and recently the horror of Grenfell?

To allow these developments to go ahead would be a disaster for Enfield residents now and for future generations.