

I wish to make the following comments about the Local Plan.

POLICY SP PL 10 pages 80-87 and Figure 3.11

Proposed 3,000 + up to 5,000 new homes in Vicarage Farm area.

This is Green Belt and is important to keep as such . This is an enormous amount of homes and the infrastructure needs to be enough to account for all these new homes ie water, sewerage and school places plus effect on the air with all the new cars and other transport that will be used from these new homes. This will increase the pollution in the area.

POLICY SP PL9 pages 77-80 and Concept Plan Figure 3.10

Proposed 3,000 new houses at Crews Hill, with the potential for longer term expansion.

This area has been a site for Garden Nurseries for many decades (1930's) and should remain so. It remains an area for recreation for many Enfield residents and also other residents from surrounding boroughs. It is a necessary area for all sorts of small businesses and needs to remain so.

This area was never meant to be built on and as I understand The Mayor of London and TFL agree it is not a suitable site for development.

POLICY DE6 (pages 156-160) and SA2 Palace Gardens Shopping centre page 321

Encouragement for tall buildings.

This is something I feel very strongly about. Why is it necessary to build tall buildings ?. These are not suitable for people to live in and can cause loneliness and a feeling of lack of community.

In your own Local Plan at point 7.6.4 it states:-

Tall buildings are not the only solution to delivering high quantities of housing. Mansion blocks, terraces, stacked maisonettes can achieve the same number of homes without excessive height.

TALL BUILDINGS

Figure 7.4 Page 158

Paragraph 7.6.2 page 159 quotes :

Heights are based on rigorous assessment of townscape , character and the sustainability of the location for high density development .

How can this be true of Enfield Town which has an old , interesting character and the proposal is to build a lot of tower blocks in the centre of Enfield with heights up to over twice the height of the current Civic Centre and up to 26 stories high.

This is in no way complimentary to the area of Enfield Town and will make less and less people want to visit Enfield.

If we are aiming to build more homes in Enfield Town they need to be affordable, in keeping with the area and of low height to fit in with surroundings . High density development for the Enfield Town area is not sustainable as the present proposed development has no parking spaces for the rented flats and also not much in the way of green areas for people to relax in around the tower blocks.

I feel that some development is needed in Enfield Town but this should be low storey , affordable flats or maisonettes . This should also be the case for other areas of the Borough which will be having new homes built on.

I understand that more homes are necessary but they must be the right type of home and be in keeping with the area.

It is imperative that the Borough remains a leafy , green suburban area with good reasons for people to want to live here and visit here. Tower blocks do nothing to enhance the area , only cause unsightly blemishes.