
To Enfield Council

copies to: The Mayor of London, Feryal Clark MP Cllr Joann Laban Cllr Glynnis Vince Cllr Lee David Sanders Cllr Nesil Caliskan (Leader of Enfield Council)

I wish to respond to the consultation on Enfield Council's draft local plan.

I do object to building in the green belt

Specifically I 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 – all of which propose the dedesignation of Green Belt for housing and other purposes.

All these sites are part of historic Enfield Chase, which played an important role in the development of Enfield. The remaining parts of the Chase are unique in the southeast and a rare and valuable landscape asset. The loss of these sites would cause permanent harm not only to the Green Belt, but also to the very character of the borough. Vicarage Farm is crossed by the Merryhills Way footpath, much-used by Enfield residents and others for exercise and relaxation and the physical and mental health attributes of the footpath would be destroyed by development. Also it is a habitat for many wild creatures such as hedgehogs and the skylarks which can be seen and heard over Vicarage Farm during the summer months. The farmland could be put back into productive use growing local food for local people. Crews Hill is equally important to the borough and should not be destroyed. Its garden centres and other businesses provide employment and a resource for people from Enfield and beyond. Instead of losing Crews Hill for housing, its horticultural activities should be encouraged and enhanced so that it can once again be a hub for food and plant production.

Whilst I support the ambition to meet Enfield's housing needs, I strongly object to the proposal to release Green Belt for housing or other purposes. I believe that there are alternatives available to meet housing targets. **The Green Belt is a precious resource that should be protected and preserved for future generations.** If it is lost it will be lost for ever. What sort of a legacy would this be to leave to those future generations?

The Green Belt is too valuable to lose for all the many environmental, ecological, economic, public health and other reasons that have been identified. The Council has a duty of care for the Green Belt, in accordance with the London Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework [NPPF], and any intentions to release parts of it should be taken out of the local plan.

Additionally the effects of climate change are already being felt. It is man-made activities which are causing climate change. **This makes it even more important that we do not destroy what remains of our natural environment.**

I also wish to object to policy DE6 Tall Buildings pages 156-159. I consider that some of the locations e.g. Enfield Town Station, Cockfosters Station and Palace Gardens are inappropriate for the heights proposed because of the adverse effects on nearby green belt land or conservation areas

I have lived in Enfield for the whole of my life and have felt proud of to do so. The changes now proposed would degrade Enfield's environment to such an extent that there would be a reduction in the quality of life for everyone in the borough.

The comments expressed in this response are my own strongly held views.

