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The literature (4 pages) from Enfield Borough Council, received through my letterbox two days ago, seems to mix up and conflate the various guidance and statutory responsibilities of the Authority. It isn't immediately clear to the resident who reads the material about what is what.

It seems that there is an onus upon a local authority to prepare a Local Plan.

It seems that the apparent target number of 1426 housing units (or 25,000 over twenty years) comes from the Greater London Authority's London Plan, which is presumably advisory, based on London-wide calculations.

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The governing guidance from DCLG (as was) requests that Councils prepare a Local Plan and review it every five years or so. [It may not be a statutory requirement to produce one; no real sanctions would apply if one wasn't produced, but you can see the central government department's thinking to encouraging this.]

The guidance asks for a succinct strategic statement of planning, not necessarily the detail.

I am shocked that Enfield Borough Council has decided to list in its Appendices a long list of housing development sites with estimates of the number of housing units.

Do any of the provisions of the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 allow a local authority in a mainly urban area to subvert or avoid the planning application process?

Relatedly, the leaflet that came through my door today, 20 August, is labelled "Summer 2021". Clearly summer 2021 started earlier and I should have received this very much earlier than today.

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I received through my letterbox today a leaflet advertising a Draft Local Plan. It appears from searching online that there is a Draft Local Plan and a New Enfield Local Plan. Which document should I be looking at?

You don't seem to be allowing much time for a consultation (deadline for replies seems to be 13 September 2021, if I were to read the New Enfield Local Plan). In the meantime, could you explain to me in layperson's language what is the difference labelled in your Appendices between "Site Allocations" and "Outside of the Placemaking Areas – Site Allocations".