
I live at 32 Cypress Ave, Crews Hill, EN2 9BZ and am writing to object to the council's proposals for the area as set out in Local Plan.

The Council are proposing to build on most of the Garden Centre sites, Crews Hill Golf Club and other smaller sites in Crews Hill.

As the Council is aware the whole area is designated as Green Belt and is a valuable resource to residents of the whole borough who purchase their garden plants and accessories during the summer and their Christmas Trees and decorations in the winter.

There are sufficient brownfield sites in Enfield to build the number of houses required to meet the borough's housing need.

The Garden Centres provide a great deal of employment for Enfield residents. These jobs would not be able to be replicated else where in the borough.

Crews Hill Station already has insufficient parking and would need major investment to be able to serve the increased number of residents proposed.

The roads in the area are already poorly maintained and are too small and narrow to accommodate the increase in traffic that would be created with the proposed development.

The Council has already closed Whitewebbs Golf Course losing a valuable amenity for residents in the borough not only for golfers but to cyclists, dog walkers etc. To propose losing the only other golf course in the area is ridiculous. It seems the Labour Council does not value green spaces and does not care about residents in areas of the borough who traditionally do not vote Labour!!

The Council say that they need to build on the green belt to meet the housing need in the borough. The houses that would be created in Crews Hill would be at a price point that would be far above the level that could be afforded by those who are in housing need. Therefore development in the area would do nothing to reduce homelessness in the borough.

The recent development at Chase Farm Hospital demonstrates the Council's lack of ability to meet housing need in the borough. The minimum target for Social Housing on developments over 10 units is 25%. Chase Farm development has and is creating less than 5% Social Housing and even then some of that is Shared Ownership which does not reduce the housing waiting list. There is nothing in the plan or in past performance by the Council for anyone to think that destroying the Green Belt in Crews Hill will have any effect on reducing homelessness in the borough. The only people to gain out of any development in the area will be the land owners and the developers.

Local Councils and Councillors do not own the green belt. They are custodians

elected by the people to protect the environment for the residents of the borough.
ONCE THE GREEN BELT HAS GONE IT CAN NEVER BE REPLACED. IT THAT
GOING TO BE YOUR LEGACY.