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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to outline my opinions to the proposals within the Draft Local Plan which I would ask that you consider.

1. In my view the Local Plan proposal to set predicted increased population growth at 50,000 is unrealistic. In recent years we have seen so many changes to peoples housing location choices, affordability, working practices, transport choices that will impact a great deal on how and where people chose to live. The population growth within the borough needs to consider the impact of Brexit, a drop in birth rates, a shift in people relocating away from London and the types of homes will be required in the future.
2. I consider that all other alternative brownfield sites and properties requiring redevelopment should be considered before building on greenbelt sites. There are council re-development sites around the borough that are still not completed and are well over their proposed targets for completion. Those should be completed first.
3. Affordable housing is what is in need in Enfield rather than new housing per say. Plenty of properties are being developed around the borough but few are affordable for young families to live and work in the borough.
4. Housing developers are not being required to build low or zero net emission properties which is what is required to face the challenges of climate change. That should be a priority for any future property developments that are passed by planning going forward within the borough. It is a disgrace that new properties are not required to meet strict controls on how they are constructed to have the least environmental impact such as heating, electric and water services, construction materials, use of natural light and insulation.
5. The recent pandemic lockdown periods has emphasised the importance of available greenspaces for healthy exercise and to improve mental health. Even with the abundance of parks and open spaces that Enfield borough has these quickly became overcrowded. That says to me that we need more rather than less space for all to enjoy and benefit from being outdoors.
6. I consider losing Crews Hill Nurseries and local farms to be a fundamental mistake. We need to increase the availability of local grown produce for local residents and to consider the environmental benefits of reduced transportation, best use of seasonal produce and employment locally produced food can provide. I enjoy weekly vegetable produce from Forty Hill Farm and would like to see the same be made more available to everyone. Also there has been an increase in people wanting to grow their own produce which should be encouraged for its environmental impact and health benefits. Over the last decade many local nurseries have closed which will mean residents wanting to source plants will be required to travel further which has an unsatisfactory buy environmental impact.
7. The historical heritage sites and prime habitats for wildlife is what draws people to live in Enfield. Educating residents about the historical significance of our surrounding countryside should be viewed a sense of pride. Once these natural habitats are destroyed and the wildlife has been removed they are gone for future generations to enjoy.

Yours sincerely,

