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Dear Enfield,

I have read your plan with great interest and most of it is uncontentious. But I have a couple of points I feel strongly about and want also to question the very basis of your plan.

As you know global warming and climate change are by far the most important problem facing the world right now and therefore I am strongly against your plans to build on two parts of the green belt. I do not know the details of what you have planned, but unless you can demonstrate that they will capture more carbon dioxide than existing land use, then I'm afraid I must be very much against it and so will most people.

You have also stated in the plans for Southgate that you would consider building on the car parks of supermarkets. The car parks are generally quite full, so this would seriously affect many residents, particularly those elderly and with restricted mobility who could not walk to the supermarket. If you are to introduce such a scheme, it would have to be counterbalanced through other methods of getting people to the shops, such as a greatly extended free ride scheme.

Let me raise a more difficult question. The basis a lot of the analysis is the need for more housing, due in part to the growth of the population. I haven't seen the figures and I do not know if the population of Enfield is likely to increase through natural demographic processes. I think our birth rate is relatively low, but people are living longer. If that is the source of the problem, you may want to address the problem of the number of large houses occupied by only one or two pensioners. Many of these would want to stay, but some I know are desperate to move had they the ability to do so. Perhaps you could build a scheme for helping people to move.

If however the population increase is due to increased migration from other parts of the country then I don't see the logic of it - equally well we could be exporting people to those other the boroughs. It would only make sense to increase our population if it was part of a government nationwide plan of population movement. If that is the case, you should say so.