
Comments regarding London Green Belt
Policy SP PL 10
Pages 80-87
Figure 3.11

For 200 years the call for open space around the cities has been resisted by developers, local and national authorities. This breathing space was only created by pressure from enlightened public figures and was only slowly acted on against the wishes and pressures from those developers and local authorities. This was initially in the Victorian era by creating public parks as recreational areas in densely populated areas. As the railways expanded many of these parks were lost to railway infrastructure. 100 years after the first attempts at providing green spaces, in the 1920s, a green belt around London was seen as essential to the health and welfare of London's populace. It was a vital concept of the post World War 2 recovery programme that moved much of London's industry and population to new urban areas such as Harlow, Welwyn etc. The railway expansion had brought London's heart within less than one hour door to door from these new suburbs. This provision of a green belt is even more important now to ensure the survival of many species of plants, animals and insects, of which we hear so much today as well as providing clean air and space for Londoners.

During the mid 20th century smoke free areas were successfully implemented. Smog has been eliminated, buildings cleaned remain clean and diseases such as tuberculosis are no longer a part of life in London. Sewage treatment ensures Thames and other rivers of London are now clean and rid of pollution that created cholera, bubonic plague and other epidemic diseases. All this, a result of enlightened legislation that created London's "lungs"

It would be unforgivable if we regressed to the situation of former times when other viable options are available such as brownfield re-use as well as low or non polluting energy use.

By allowing development on the present land area of green belt within Enfield jurisdiction is undoubtedly development "creep", 10% now, 10% in the next phase and within the lifetimes of our grandchildren there will be little green space left. Who in times to come will look back with horror at the destruction of what was left of a green and pleasant land.

What a legacy to hand to our descendants!!

Thank you for reading my objections to the proposals for the reduction of the green belt

