
Dear Sir,

I am writing about your plans for new housing in Enfield.

I am frankly shocked to hear that you are going to build extensively on the Green belt land.

I do seriously dispute the legality of building on Green belt land that was specifically designated by the 1950s housing act as necessary to prevent urban sprawl. This protects us all. But it is even more vital nowadays that we are working to improve health, well being and air quality in the capital.

I do of course understand that we need to build more affordable housing, But building on green belt land will not achieve it. I thoroughly agree with the words Alice Roberts of CPRE London has written; " Green Belt housing is typically well out of range of anyone on low income. CPRE research [7] shows only a tenth of homes built in the Green Belt are 'affordable' and these are rarely for social rent. Additionally, people living in Green Belt developments have poor access to public transport and are tied to owning and using cars, as well as being stuck with the cost of commuting, creating further financial stress for families on low incomes".

As you have goals to meet re. new, affordable housing it is vital that you build on brownfield land eg at Meridian Water. This would have the added advantage viable public transport links into the centre of London, Certainly in now way should you build on the green belt until all brownfield areas have been used.

The green areas that you say you mean to build on are so very beautiful. Life is hard enough to deal with at the moment without you taking away the rural walks that support our health. Whitewebbs is Enfields oldest park, and yet you mean to damage it for ever.

I would also ask how much involvement you have had with the developers prior to coming to this decision.

Just in case there is any doubt I refer to the specific parts of the draft local plan.

They are;

Policy SP PL9 77-80 And conept plan figure 3.10

Policy SA 45 ; Land between Camlet Way and Crescent wy in Hadley Wood. Page 364

SA42 Page 372

SA24 Page 374

SA62 Page 383

SPCL4 pages 277 - 279

Pages 156 - 160 figure 7.3, figure 7.4