

Dear Sirs,

Re: Draft Enfield Local Plan Consultation

I have looked at the draft ELP on your website. I strongly oppose the plan that has been submitted.

I appreciate the need for the regeneration of the Eastern and Southern wards of the Borough, however; the massive expansion of housing, at expense of our Green Belt Land is not beneficial to the Borough, and does not support the 'Green Lung' aspirations the Council claim to have.

The proposal details the development of more than 6,000 new homes on Green Belt Land and I am unsure from the proposals how such a development would comply with The Council's planning requirements. I have copied The Council Requirements for developments on Green Belt Land below for reference and emboldened the parts that the proposal contradicts:

Protecting the Green Belt

Inappropriate development within the Green Belt will not be permitted. Development that is not inappropriate will only be permitted if all of the following criteria are met:

- a. The siting, **scale, height and bulk** of the proposed development is **sympathetic to and compatible with the prime aim of preserving the openness of the Green Belt;**
- b. The development has regard to site contours, displays a high standard of design and landscaping **to complement and improve its setting, and takes all measures to ensure that the visual impact on the Green Belt is minimised;**
- c. The nature, quality, finish and colour of materials blend with the local landscape to harmonise with surrounding natural features;
- d. Where possible, existing trees, hedges, bushes and other natural features are retained and integrated with the scheme to ensure adequate screening. Where this is not possible, planning permission will only be granted if adequate mitigation measures are secured; and
- e. Appropriate parking provision, **safe access, egress and landscaping is provided to ensure vehicles are parked safely and that the development does not prejudice the openness of the Green Belt.**

The reason I have emboldened the first sentence is because the building of 6000 homes on what is currently forests, equestrian land and fields cannot possibly be considered appropriate.

It cannot be reasoned that the development of a 6000 unit Estate would be sympathetic to, preserve, compliment or enhance the existing Green Belt Land.

It cannot have a minimal visual impact on these areas either.

The areas of Green Belt Land for development within the proposal are also designated 'Areas of Special Character' within The Council's Local Plan Review of March 2013: (<https://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/planning/planning-policy-information-area-of-special-character-boundary-review.pdf>) and are subject to additional conditions.

Sadiq Khan is opposed to The Council's proposals for Green Belt Development, and has stated that such developments are in contradiction to the wider 'London Plan'.
<https://www.enfieldindependent.co.uk/news/19406962.sadiq-khan-unhappy-enfield-councils-green-belt-plans/>

The introduction of 6000 new homes on Green Belt Land will mean an extra 14,400 people; based on the average household size of 2.4. The existing services, roads and transport network struggles to cope with the current population.

As the recent flooding demonstrated, the surface water drainage cannot cope, this may well be because it is not maintained or kept free running however; building on, and paving over fields will increase the level of surface water greatly and will introduce new flood risk areas in low spots.

Yours faithfully,