
I would like to make the following objections to the draft local plan:

I am deeply concerned by the areas of Green Belt you have identified as suitable for 'medium growth' for housing and development. Many areas such as Vicarage Farm (SP PL 10) and Crews Hill (SP PL 9) as well as areas in Hadley Wood, Holly Hill Farm and Whitewebbs are all part of the historic Enfield Chase. This is a unique and rare heritage asset, a valuable landscape which goes back nearly 250 years as a royal hunting ground and its connection with Enfield old park which is mentioned in the Domesday Book. How can you think of destroying an area which is so much part of the fabric of Enfield. The plan talks about showing respect for the areas's heritage and character - this is in direct contravention of this policy.

The plan talks of protecting and enhancing Enfield's biodiversity and habitats - the proposed development will certainly destroy much of this.

There are alternative brownfield sites or land that has already been built upon but you appear not to have explored these options.

Some of the areas cited as appropriate for growth such as Vicarage Farm could instead be used for agricultural use - to grow and produce locally grown food would surely be a good step towards being more environmentally friendly and sustainable.

The London mayor has said that he is against Green Belt being built on as they are the 'lungs of the city' and help to produce clean air. The London Plan and the NPPF specifically say that councils have a duty of care to 'protect Green Belt land' so why does the London Borough of Enfield think it's appropriate to build on it. The type of homes needed are small family homes that are affordable for the residents of Enfield. I can't see the type of homes being built on Green Belt land meeting this target - transport links will be dubious and the housing in these areas is not likely to be affordable.

The tall buildings policy (DM DE 6) seems inappropriate too. The proposal for Enfield Town Centre for example will affect the character of a 'small market town' and tower over the Conservation area. Tall buildings proposed next to and partly including the Trent Park Conservation area are also totally inappropriate for this area (as is specifically mentioned in the current local plan). These type of buildings are more suited to inner city centres , not a small market town or a suburb. It has been proved that people's mental and physical well being can be badly affected by living in this type of accommodation and this was highlighted during the pandemic. We should be moving away from this type of housing.

These are just some of the many flaws in this draft local plan which the Enfield Dispatch just this week describes as ' not fit for purpose'.

A big rethink needs to be done before our beautiful local area is destroyed by greedy developers. Once it is built on there is no going back and it will be a betrayal to future generations if we allow this to happen.