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I am writing to register my objections to the proposed plan for redevelopment in this borough. I attempted to respond via the consultation document but found the whole process too difficult to navigate.

Throughout the plan you refer to ecological issues, but I live in Ponders End where a great deal of building has taken place and at least two large housing estates have been built recently; I see no evidence of environmental sensitivity in the brick and concrete structures that people are expected to live in there. These estates have been built with no attention to improving the infrastructure of the area – Transport and medical facilities are hopelessly over-subscribed & I was unable to find any plans in your consultation document to build more schools, medical practices etc in the areas of planned development. Overcrowding is already a big problem in this borough with all its attendant pressure on the environment; your plan is completely at odds with any commitment to zero-carbon you might have.

My main concern however is for the loss of the Green Belt on which you are intending to build massive estates of 3,000 houses adjacent to Trent Park at Chase Park (PL10) & Crews Hill (PL9). The building of what will be essentially two new villages will have a terrible impact on the ecology of the green belt. Three thousand families in each area will need to access work, education, shopping and leisure facilities, and will therefore be using cars. During the time of the recent pandemic the footfall in and around our parkland became an issue through sheer numbers. How much worse will it become if this building goes ahead? I also note that the parkland close to Crews Hill will be further reduced due to the deal with Tottenham Hotspur – more people accessing less space.

To summarize: Do not insult our intelligence by claiming that these plans will make Enfield “green & sustainable” & do not try to claim that your hand is being forced by Government edict. The Government has made it clear that councils should take account of local constraints when planning new housing stock.

This plan is ill thought out and does not take into account the impact of building in each area. What Enfield needs is sustainable housing in areas with good transport and support links. Concentrate on improving those things.

