
Enfield Draft Local Plan

I am writing in general opposition to the current Enfield Draft Local Plan. I can't help but see it as a "last century" response to the need for low-cost housing that is very unlikely to achieve its aims.

It would seem to have similarities to proposals made by commercial property developers - promising much but delivering little in terms of housing that can be afforded by those that most need it. There is plenty of "green-washing", such as "healthy and inclusive environment supported by access to green space and nature" and "sustainable transport connections" but little that would compensate for the countryside and its natural benefits that we would lose.

I recognise that the council feels under pressure both from social demands and funding cuts but I do not believe that losing chunks of the Green Belt is a price worth paying for homes that are doubtfully affordable for more than a very few.

Civic planning today needs to be fit for the emergency of the 21st Century, which means action that focusses on sustaining and fostering an ecologically balanced environment to avoid the increasing devastation being wrought by global warming. Will, I wonder, this growing spread of urbanization proposed by Enfield council, along with the loss of green space it brings, be seen as friend or foe by future generations?

I have no connection with Enfield Road Watch but include their objections below as I agree with its opposition to these proposals. I hope the council will reconsider..

- The 'Spatial strategy' ([section 2.4](#)) which identifies how growth will be distributed across the Borough over the plan period and gives rise to the strategies for housing, employment, town centres and countryside green belt;
- 3,000 new houses at a 'deeply green' 'sustainable urban extension' referred to as 'Chase Park' (also known as Vicarage Farm) on the open Green Belt countryside next to Trent Park either side of the A110 (Enfield Road) between Oakwood and Enfield town ([Policy SP PL 10, pages 80-87, and Figure 3.11](#));
- 3,000 new houses in a 'sustainable settlement' at Crews Hill with the potential for longer term expansion up to 7,500 new homes right up to the M25. ([Policy SP PL9, pages 77-80 and Concept Plan Figure 3.10](#));
- 160 homes in Green Belt countryside at Hadley Wood ([SA45: Land Between Camlet Way and Crescent Way, Hadley Wood, page 364](#));

- Industrial and office development in the Green Belt near Rammey Marsh ([SA52 page 372](#));
- 11 hectares of new industrial and storage and distribution use at what is currently agricultural land east of Junction 24 of the M25 at part of new Cottages and Holly Hill Farm within Enfield Chase ([SA54, page 374](#));
- a big expansion of the Spurs football training ground to the north of Whitewebbs Lane up to the M25, comprising of 42.5 hectares of land, for “professional sport, recreation and community sports/leisure uses” ([SA62 page 383 & SP CL4 pages 277–279](#));
- Encouragement for tall buildings, including in sensitive locations such as the town centre conservation area ([see pages 156-60, Figure 7.3, Figure 7.4 and Policy DE6, and SA2 Palace Gardens Shopping centre page 321](#)). A [higher quality version of figure 7.4](#) is also available, showing proposed maximum building heights across the Borough.