
We wish to register our opposition to proposed constructions on land registered as Green Belt sites in Enfield. This would break the pledge given by Government and the Mayor of London to conserve the countryside and prevent urban sprawl.

The pandemic has highlighted just how important green open spaces are to our physical and mental well being.

Strategic Policy PL10: Chase Park (Vicarage Farm)

- construction of 3000 or potentially 5000 new homes here would bring irreversible harm to the historic Enfield Chase Heritage area.
- the houses proposed here would not be affordable for those who need housing provision
- climate change and increased rainfall demands that green areas are not concreted over
- the area includes a flood plain and would be better enhanced with wetlands and tree plantations, encouraging wild life habitats
- such a large development in this location will produce huge traffic pressure on the existing busy roads

Strategic Policy PL9: Crews Hill

- acknowledging that houses need to be built, we do not object to construction on brown field land in this area
- we do oppose building on the open land that is currently the golf course which is a green site and should be protected.

Tall Buildings

- the impact of architecturally nondescript tower buildings on surrounding areas needs to be reconsidered eg a 15 storey block on the crest of a ridge at Cockfosters Station will be a visual eyesore for miles around and will impact on a Grade 2 listed tube station.
- ditto at Southgate although that plan is under review
- 26 storeys at Meridian water and 23 storeys at Edmonton Green will be out of balance with the surroundings

As a result of the pandemic our way of life has changed permanently. It will free up retail and office sites. Redevelopment of brown field sites needs to be much more seriously reconsidered.

