
I have been a resident in the Borough for more than 45 years and I declare my personal interest in just a few aspects of the proposals which include the development at Crews Hill Golf Club where I have been a playing member for more than 40 years.

Strategic Policy PL9: Crews Hill

This is prime Green Belt land being part of the former Enfield Chase, a significant element in the heritage of the area. Housing development would seriously and adversely affect the local infrastructure. As just one example, the effect upon East Lodge Lane and Cattlegate Road is already visible. All too frequent accidents on the M25 quickly result in East Lodge Lane becoming clogged by vehicles of all descriptions as an escape route from the motorway. However, beyond Crews Hill and the various nurseries, the plans include wholesale loss of other green open spaces (including the loss already of Whitewebbs as a recreational facility). I limit myself here to the following:

Strategic Policy PL10: Chase Park

The lands either side of Enfield Road including Vicarage Farm are currently a vital lung for the immediate area in which I reside and also providing recreation for local residents as well as valuable wildlife habitat. It would destroy the open vista that makes for the welcome separation between the conurbations of Enfield and Oakwood having the appearance of open country. The development of any of those sites for housing would have a lasting adverse effect upon the already stretched local infrastructure of roads and services. Indeed, the full impact of the current redevelopment of the former Trent Park campus (no traffic impact assessment was published by the Council when first proposed) has yet to be felt on the locality at the intersection of Bramley Road and Snakes Lane.