
I wish to express my objection to Enfield Council's Draft Local Plan in respect of its proposed redesignation of precious Green Belt countryside for future development.

I have no issue with the pressing need to provide more residential housing within London; but I believe this should be addressed through the regeneration of existing "brownfield" sites and other post-industrial locations. There are ample opportunities for "brownfield" redevelopment within the Borough and I see no evidence that the Council has given adequate consideration to these alternatives for housing development. The Green Belt countryside within this Borough is a precious resource which must be preserved in its natural state for the benefits of this and coming generations.

Strategic Policy PL10: Chase Park, Paragraphs 3.10.1 to 3.10.8 and Figure 3.11

~~My particular personal experience is of the Vicarage Farm area which the Draft Local Plan designates as "Chase Park".~~ During the nearly 40 years that my family and I have lived in Enfield, we have used this area abundantly for recreational purposes (not dog walking, by the way: we have never possessed one). It was a major factor in our decision to move to Enfield in the first place, and it has undoubtedly supported us in our decision to remain. These natural green spaces are a highly significant feature of Enfield's attractiveness as a residential borough. I do not see how building over them can possibly serve to support the local population or even enhance its quality of life.

The *Placemaking Vision* statement for Chase Park says "Chase Park will facilitate access to the

rural landscape in north west Enfield". This is a self-serving contradiction, when the proposed creation of Chase Park is founded on the destruction of this very same rural habitat in the north west corner of the Borough.

The availability of this wonderful natural space has been a particular godsend during recent lockdown periods. It has been very noticeable to those of us who've known the area for many years how many more people were starting to discover and use the space during this time, and really coming to appreciate its restorative value.

Enfield's Green Belt places are a precious legacy for current and future generations. Do not give up on them. I recognise the pressing need for more residential accommodation and I urge the Council to refocus its development initiatives onto existing post-industrial sites and other brownfield locations within its purview.
