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In my view you have not allowed sufficient consultation on the plan which is being rushed through the document outlining the proposals is 384 pages, so not an easy read and you had one drop in session in my area which is by any standards paltry. I am reminded of the radio play by Douglas Adams concerning this "Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy" where the alien planet destroyers state that plans have been available at the local town hall.. I understand that at least one company (Comer Homes) has issued a glossy brochure already promoting their housing development, so they must be confident.

In the recent past you have introduced an LTN locally which has divided our community, caused traffic chaos and additional pollution on our roads. You have allowed the opening of a 24 hour gaming arcade in Palmers Green against the wishes of thousands of local residents and now you are proposing to destroy vast swaths of the environment in Enfield.

The Green Belt Review for publication with the Local Plan is precipitate and some might say suspicious given the preceding comprehensive review is only 7 years old <https://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/planning/planning-policy-information-enfields-detailed-green-belt-boundary-review-2013.pdf> The London Plan 2020 states that "The Green Belt should be protected from inappropriate development"

I have a number of detailed objections to the draft local plan detailed below.

### **1. Sainsburys Winchmore Hill SA32 Sainsburys Green Lanes p315, p359 of the Enfield Local Plan**

#### Local Facilities

- The loss of a major supermarket in the area will force people to have to drive further. This would especially affect elderly and disabled residents and increase car usage on local roads
- No supporting community infrastructure planned which will lead to an overstretch of existing facilities such as schools, doctors' surgeries, dentists
- With the Fords Grove car park going and 14% of car parking on Winchmore Hill Broadway having gone, this development will lead to a further loss of revenue to local shops leading to potential closures

#### Impact on local residents

- The increase in vehicles on the road from potential residents of this development, will increase carbon monoxide levels which will impact locals and especially school children at

Highfields school

Environmental

- This development will lead to the destruction of habitat and woodlands – the site is home to at least three different species of woodpecker (greater/lesser spotted and green varieties) as well as trees with protection orders (poplars and oak trees)
- In 1986, the Secretary of State allowed planning permission for Sainsburys to be built with the condition that the green space was retained for community use
- The green space is especially useful for residents who live in the surrounding flats and do not have gardens
- The area is used by families and elderly alike, which contributes to the health and wellbeing of all residents of Enfield

#### Other issues

- This development will need to offer housing in keeping with the character of existing housing in Winchmore Hill. However, Enfield residents require larger, affordable family housing which this development will not be able to offer.
- Inappropriate choice of site given the close proximity of existing traditional historical properties.
- This development will lead to an over development of the area given the recent and future developments along Green Lanes - Travis Perkins, Capitol House etc
- There will be construction vehicle disruption and increased building work traffic on a road (Green Lanes) already congested especially at peak times
- There will be an impact on the skyline of Enfield and not in keeping with the existing character of the area

## **2. SA59 Firs Farm & Clowes Sport grounds**

The proposal to build a crematorium at Firs Farm seems like a completely crazy idea. I signed a petition against this only this morning. There appears to be significant local opposition to this proposal.

-the proposed site will impact on the Firms Farm wetlands which is adjacent to the proposed site, Firs Farm Wetlands is a site of important ecological significance in a residential area, with close proximity to three schools. So many people have worked hard since 2014 to create this valued community asset and flood relief scheme that ticks all boxes: health, education and environment, recreation, biodiversity and sports. The site is near school playing fields. The other proposed site for this crematorium also seem to be unsuitable and a further destruction of open green space. (Church Street Recreation Ground SA61 for a crematorium; or Sloemans Farm for a burial ground.)

## **3. Chase Park PL9 & Crews Hill PL10**

You are proposing to allow the building of huge housing estates on existing green belt land "the lungs of London" and the Mayor of London has said he will oppose the plan.

These together with another 27 proposed sites is unlikely to solve Enfield's housing crisis and ignores the vast amounts of previously-developed brownfield sites within the borough

in need of regeneration.

Green Belt housing is typically well out of range of anyone on low income. Research done by the Campaign for the protection of rural England (CPRE) shows only a tenth of homes built in the Green Belt are 'affordable' and these are rarely for social rent. Additionally, people living in Green Belt developments have poor access to public transport and are tied to owning and using cars, as well as being stuck with the cost of commuting, creating further financial stress for families on low incomes.

[https://www.cpre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Space\\_to\\_Breathe.pdf](https://www.cpre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Space_to_Breathe.pdf)

Among the Green Belt sites targeted for destruction are:

- a) Eight horticulture nurseries in Crews Hill, which should be saved to provide local jobs and locally produced food
- b) Several large areas of productive farmland, vital for local food production at a time of food insecurity and climate emergency
- c) Edmonton Marsh, part of the Lee Valley Regional Park which is essential to provide a new park for residents in Meridian Water; an area already deprived of green space, vital for the well-being of local communities.

Building on the Green Belt also leads to urban sprawl, undermines our ability to tackle pollution, climate change and the collapse of ecosystems, and eliminates local food production, wildlife habitats and of course areas for recreation for Enfield's growing population.

We need to secure London's Green Belt for future generations. It would be tragic indeed to squander it just as millions of Londoners, in the wake of the pandemic, have discovered its life-saving value.