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Re: Local Plan with specific regard to development of Chase Park

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on the above plan.

We have both been residents of Enfield since 1978, living firstly in Edmonton, and now in World's End. We have seen lots of changes to the borough in the intervening period and appreciate that what needs to be addressed in terms of additional housing provision versus protecting the environment will be a difficult balancing act.

When we first moved to Bincote Road in 1991 both sides of the street were covered with healthy blossom trees and as you can see from the photos below, this is no longer the case. Trees do not last forever, but the replacement saplings all seem to be dying off. The same is happening to trees and plants in our gardens. If you walk round Trent Park and along to Merryhills footpath you will observe the same thing. Nature is under stress and ultimately, we will be if we do not take the right action and make the right decisions for our future.

Whether we like it or not climate change is hitting

us all in various ways due to increased frequency of extreme weather patterns, it is often too hot or too wet for our native plant species to cope and we feel we all need to do much more to protect the environment than we are currently, in order to preserve a healthy environment for future generations.

One major concern we do have in relation to the proposed development of Chase Park is the likelihood of increased flooding occurring, as the present vegetation will have to give way to houses thereby increasing run off. Presently both areas where Comer and Fairview are intending to build become saturated when precipitation is high. This is exacerbated by the slopes and the underlying soil type-clay. The Fairview area by the A110, often has a lot of surface water lying in the field and towards the lowest corner where it abuts Glenbrook North and Cotswolds Way, No 67 Cotswold Way, (to be precise) it is often well saturated and you cannot use the footpath as its swimming with water. This tends to try and drain into the outflow stream from Boxers Lake but if you look you will see that the culverts/pipes there are clogged up with mud and do not work as they should. If this is the case with just vegetation on this area and the flooding is already occurring, the worry that we have is that it will get worse with the provision of buildings on the site and that it could cause problems further down the line for someone else. (See red asterisk on the map below and also the direction of water flow due

to the slopes.)

The green asterisk also marked on the map relates to the flooding, that occurred this year on 12/7/21, in the overflow channel coming from Boxers Lake which joins up with Salmons Brook. Photos are also attached. This resulted from a summer storm of only a couple of hours and the volume of water that fell down to cause this was quite incredible. The overflow channel reached bankfull very quickly then overspilled onto the adjacent path and it would have been quite dangerous for anyone to safely navigate along the path. One thing to note here is that this path is a major route that children and families use to go from Enfield Road to Merryhills, Grange Park and /or Highlands schools. On the same day we had to collect our grandson from Highlands Village hall as this too, had flooded and that is located at the top of World's End Lane!

We hope that this local information will be helpful to you.

Yours faithfully

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