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Dear Sir/Madam

Sadly the local plan has only just come to my notice. I realise I have insufficient time to read its detail. I write now to voice my concerns regarding my impression of the plan and its implications.

My interest primarily lies in my having sixty eight years association with Enfield, having been raised in the borough and have since maintained strong links with family and friends still living in the area and have also made use of its many amenities.

My impression is that the council are looking for easy answers rather than looking for more imaginative solutions to the demands of government.

Being an advocate of green principles and sceptical that just building new homes for sale is the answer. This continues the notion that property is an asset rather than homes being a necessity. Nationally our housing situation is a mess. There is an oversupply of flats. There are many empty properties and of course owners with multiple homes. I feel the government's advice to councils is short term. Certainly building over Crews Hill and constructing a residential tower block in Enfield remind me of housing policies current in the 1960s. Development of Crews Hill would also lose one of Enfield's economic assets while increasing the urban sprawl. At a time when we are meant to be increasing biodiversity and reducing our carbon footprint.

Nor is the loss of public open spaces desirable, so for example when considering the future of Whitewebbs golf course it could be used to enhance the life experience of Enfield residents. The outdoors is a valuable resource, enhancing mental and physical health. For example, increased provision of outdoor facilities for school children and young adults, who nationally have lost social provision provision would be beneficial.

I'm also concerned that many infrastructure schemes, like changes to the local roads, junction layouts, rain garden schemes etc have brought about unintended, unwanted and sometimes dangerous consequences. Hopefully this aspect of the proposed developments has been carefully assessed. After all, their impact will be felt for a very long time.

yours faithfully