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I am emailing to express my concerns about Enfield Council's proposal to destroy the Green Belt in order to build housing. The claims that this is the only way to combat a housing crisis in the borough is firmly in the realm of fantasy. There are plenty of sites available to re-use and generate and consideration must be given to using those.

In general I do not agree with Enfield Council's proposal to build high rise accommodation. In doing so the Council is building sub-optimal housing at the expense of the Green Belt. Enfield Council needs to build truly affordable housing (not a tokenist quota deal with property developers) in deprived areas and focus on regenerating those areas bringing stability and home ownership within reach of the many residents that currently do not have either of these.

In particular I am concerned about the following:

1. The proposal to build a crematorium on Firs Farm Wetlands and/or adjacent to the grounds. I fail to understand why you need another crematorium when there's one already within a short distance. What is even more puzzling is that Enfield Council has written to the Firs Farm Wetland Group advising it has committed £150,000 to the space as part of its "commitment to deliver outstanding green spaces in our borough." If that's the case then why is Enfield Council determined to build adjacent to it and/or rip out Enfield's Green Belt?
2. There is talk about Enfield Council turning the parking at Sainsbury's on Green Lanes into housing with the possible loss of the wooded area next to it. This is ludicrous and short sighted. Whilst there may have been a short term explosion in online grocery deliveries during the pandemic that has not continued and will not become the "norm". By closing down the opportunity for people to use their car for shopping you will force them further afield. That not only impacts on the environment because the cars will be used to go further and for longer, but you also remove the chance for people to use the other adjacent shops thereby impacting on local businesses.
3. I have not received the leaflet Enfield Council has purportedly distributed advising residents about the proposed local plan. How has the leaflet been distributed and why haven't I received it?
4. Enfield Council has not made provision for anyone unable to attend the library to request and read a copy of the local plan. It is unethical of you to create a 400 page document and expect people to pay almost £100 for a copy. You could provide access to a PDF for anyone with a computer wishing to read it and/or hard copies for people unable to reach the library and/or without a computer.

Finally, the council's proposal does not fit in with the overarching London Plan set out by the mayor Sadiq Khan. That plan has an expectation that Enfield's Local Plan will align with the policies of the London Plan, and all planning applications to comply with the London Plan, in terms of the continued protection of London's Green Belt. Enfield Council's draft local plan has failed to have regard for the London Plan and should stop immediately in its current format and revised to take into account the London Plan.

I sincerely hope the council take on board all my comments and recognise that the actions

it is taking will have a catastrophic long term effect that it will not be able to remedy.

Yours faithfully