
Dear Sirs

I write in response to your consultation on the draft local plan to state that I wholeheartedly endorse the response provided by ENCAF, the Enfield Climate Action Forum.

Briefly, my particular concerns relate to the following:

The Green Belt

The Green Belt was established for a reason, most notably to avoid urban sprawl but also to provide green space "lungs" for the capital. To diminish any part of this green open space would be counter-productive and highly irresponsible. It provides not only outdoor space for physical activity but also calm and solace for those facing mental health difficulties, of whom there are increasing numbers in these difficult times.

Brownfield Sites

Far better use should be made of brownfield sites in urban areas, of which there are surely sufficient borough-wide to provide the level of new housing required.

Affordability

The type of housing most likely to be proposed for development on green belt land is unlikely to be truly affordable for those most in need and would not therefore help to solve any local housing crisis. The council should have regard to the needs of the population not the aspirations of the developers.

Crews Hill

The group of garden centres at Crews Hill is iconic and we are lucky to have it on our doorstep. It is also widely known further afield and brings visitors/customers not only from inner London but from neighbouring counties. It would be entirely counter-productive to demolish such a flourishing horticultural hub and the income which it brings to the area.

Enfield Town

The proposed height of the planned new tower block will be detrimental to the visual aspect of the town. The increase in population numbers is likely to bring traffic chaos. New buildings should be much more in keeping with their local surroundings in order to preserve Enfield's position as an historic market town since 1303.

Infrastructure

Plans to build houses on green belt land and tower blocks in Enfield Town, for which current road and transport provision appears to be totally inadequate, will be significantly detrimental to the appearance and reputation of the town and borough as a whole. Enfield residents deserve better than that.

Climate

While I am not equipped to comment on climate action, the ENCAF response is extremely comprehensive and should be heeded.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft local plan which I hope will be

given much more careful and detailed consideration before any irredeemable mistakes are made.

Yours faithfully