
Dear Members of the L.B.E.

As a resident of Enfield for over 70 years I have witnessed many changes to the Borough I have lived and worked in. Among these changes have been the sale of Highlands Hospital, Worlds End Hospital, and St. Michael's hospital for the purpose of housing and toward the cost of building the new Chase Farm Hospital. Unfortunately, our new Hospital at Chase Farm is already over-subscribed and understaffed, as is North Middlesex Hospital. St. Michael's is only used for respite care for a minimal number of residents.

Our G.P. Surgeries and schools are over-stretched as are our roads at this present time and parking is almost impossible.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed plan for the redevelopment of Enfield's Green Belt.

If approval of this proposed plan is given, I cannot see where the funding for schools, teachers, doctors, nurses, play grounds and shops will come from. Will it be funded by selling off our Assets to foreign investors, presumably by our Council who couldn't give a hoot to the future but prefer to hide under the cover of an immediate resolution to settle the debt of £1bn.?

I understand that Enfield Council has also proposed to redevelop for housing most of our Supermarkets and their car-parks by down-sizing, which are so vital for the residents of Enfield. Access to Supermarkets out of town for many, will become impossible, or for those with a car, will inevitably create more traffic on the roads. Reduction of Supermarkets in the area will inevitably create job losses. I understand that the Council will receive from future developers a WINDFALL of £3,5000. per job lost. This is an insult as it will do nothing to support the livelihood of the unemployed or provide them with employment. All this is to falsely cover up the £1bn debt which the Council owes. Surely financial advisors to the Council could come up with more viable solutions to raising this money without destroying our beautiful Enfield Borough.

Our G.P. Surgeries and schools are over-stretched as are our roads at this present time. A comment from the leader of our Council Cllr Nesil Caliskan where she states "**If it is o.k. for there to be density around Edmonton Green then it is o.k. for there to be density built around other stations.**" I take this as an insult to the people of Edmonton which is largely populated by Eastern Europeans and other ethnic communities, who perhaps are not familiar or have access to the workings of L.B.E.

I refer to the comments from Cllr Hass Yusuf, Chase Ward who states blandly that "**there are parts of the green belt which are a disgrace**" I question this off-handed comment by Cllr Hass Yusuf. Could he not use his questionable position to get out there and find a suitable solution to conserving our Green Belt without a thought to the future of the Borough, by selling of its assets to foreign investors. No doubt, he will be long gone before the reality of these actions have become a sad reality.

If the redevelopment plans go forward, the future for Enfield's children will be that they will grow up not knowing what a green field or the countryside looks like. Our children will grow up not realising the benefits of fresh clean air or acknowledging the habitat of wild animals and birds which will all have been replaced by bricks and mortar.

Yours faithfully,

