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We are responding to Enfield Council's draft local plan.

1. Overall, we support the Enfield Society's response to this consultation: <https://enfieldsociety.org.uk/draft-local-plan-response>

2. We particularly share the Society's concerns about the Green Belt proposals including:

- 3,000 new houses at a 'deeply green' 'sustainable urban extension' referred to as 'Chase Park' (also known as Vicarage Farm) on the open Green Belt countryside next to Trent Park either side of the A110 (Enfield Road) between Oakwood and Enfield town (Policy SP PL 10, pages 80-87, and Figure 3.11);
- 3,000 new houses in a 'sustainable settlement' at Crews Hill with the potential for longer term expansion (Policy SP PL9, pages 77-80 and Concept Plan Figure 3.10);

3. Given the Council's current commitment to developing its profile on Heritage, such as through the Stories of Enfield programme, a Heritage Impact Study should be undertaken before any final decision on the proposals. This should take into account the widespread public concerns about the Area of Special Character (AOSC) which we understand comprises:

(a) The Enfield Chase Heritage Area AOSC in which the Council will seek to preserve and enhance the existing character of Enfield Chase as an area comprising woodlands, streams, designed parklands and enclosed farmland;

(b) The Lee Valley AOSC in which the Council will seek to preserve and enhance the essential character of the area, as being one of predominantly open landscape characterised by rivers, streams, canals, reservoirs and other water-related features.

4. A small but important point - the strip garden around the car park of the Sainsbury's superstore at 681 Green Lanes is an invaluable haven for wildlife and locals, particularly mothers with babies in buggies visiting the store. Whatever happens to the store site, this garden should be protected.