

Dear Council representatives

I have taken a look at the consultation documentation. I am very concerned at the potential impact these proposals will have on the cherished Green Belt in the borough.

While I support the need for housing to meet Enfield's current and future housing needs, I strongly object to the proposal to allow development of the Green Belt for housing or other purposes. I believe that there are alternatives available to meet housing targets and that the Green Belt is a precious resource that should be protected and preserved for future generations. It is too valuable to lose for all the many environmental, ecological, economic, public health and other reasons that have been identified, especially during the recent pandemic. The Council has a duty of care for the Green Belt, in accordance with the London Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework [NPPF], and any intentions to release parts of it should be taken out of the local plan. The loss of these sites would cause permanent harm not only to the Green Belt, but also to the very character of the borough.

Whilst I agree with the policy of development of smaller brown field sites within the borough, I am concerned about the inclusion of the three sites in Winchmore Hill as potential areas for development:

--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->SA32 Sainsburys Green Lanes (on which there is a covenant to retain 40% of the site as public green space).

--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->SA42 Fords Grove car park. Traders have already lost a significant amount of on street parking, through the construction of the A105 cycle lanes. The New River development will generate an additional parking requirement, as will the former Travis Perkins site to be redeveloped shortly. Any development will result in over-population, no supporting infrastructure and even more congested roads.

--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Firs Farm Recreation Ground (p380) has been designated as a site for a crematorium, with no recognition in the Local Plan of its ecological and community significance; especially as there are plans to build a community hub on this location.

These proposals come hot on the heels of the ill-conceived LTN measures which I believe have created traffic chaos in the area and increasing pollution.

The comments provided in this response to the consultation are my own views.