

Dear All,

I am writing as an Enfield resident to respond to the council's current draft local plan. I am resident on Crofton Way, EN2, and the area behind my flat allows access to the fields designated as 'Chase Park' for the purposes of the plan.

I support the proposals to build housing on this area. The land is a monoculture and the fields could be built on without significant loss of wildlife. However, I do have concerns about the possibility of this development enriching a private owner whilst causing a loss of open vistas/space for other residents. In order to strike a fair balance on this the development on this site should be geared towards social housing.

Any development on this site must involve a significant social housing contribution in order to ensure that Enfield residents, especially those in the most dire housing need, are the ones who benefit. A development with high priced housing/flats will not unjam the market sufficiently to benefit the wider community and any move to build in this way should be resisted.

Many residents have concerns about the loss of this open space, which was especially well-utilised during the pandemic (despite the owners grim attempts to discourage people through the use of ugly fencing and signage.) The loss of that space will be keenly felt by some. The only justification to mitigate that loss will be to provide housing for those in need and limit the private benefit the current owner gets from this windfall.

Also, you should build on every golf course in Enfield.

Kind regards,