

I am writing to notify you of my opposition to the Enfield Local Plan.

I am an Enfield resident and have lived here for 20 years. The borough has become increasingly more populated and congested with no extra provision for social infrastructure. Adding 25,000 new homes to the borough will further exacerbate access to doctors, dentists, hospitals, schools and add more congestion to the transport network that is already at dangerous levels (eg over-crowding on trains, buses, tubes and increased pollution that exceeds government legal levels). Building on the Green Belt and current green sites around London should be banned in the light of climate change. I do not believe that all these homes will be purchased or used (social-housing) by existing Enfield residents and will encourage even more population growth in the borough and put more stress on the already limited social infrastructure.

I would also like to add that Enfield Council has not been very active in advertising it's Local Plan to residents. I first learnt about the Plan by word of mouth from a Barnet resident! The only consultation/drop-in events were held in August when most residents were on holiday and during the week when people were at work. A letter should have gone out to every household in Enfield about this Plan, especially given that some residents are still keen to minimise interaction due to Covid-19.

My objections:

I object to the development of Travis Perkins, Palmers Green SA39
Travis Perkins is sited next to Broomfield Lane near the junction with Green Lanes and this is often congested. Building homes with parking provision here will exacerbate traffic congestion and make the area dangerous for people walking to the Morrisons supermarket and nearby library and fitness club.

I object to the development of Lodge Drive Car Park, Palmers Green SA43.
This is the closest parking provision to the shops, cafes and restaurants on Green Lanes, with some limited time free parking. Taking away this provision will send customers elsewhere and will seal the death of the local high street and the community hub.

I object to the development of Albany Leisure Centre and Car Park SA41.
This has served as a great leisure facility and has fantastic provision for learning to swim and club facilities with good parking provision, drawing people from across the borough and beyond. It is a great asset to the area. New house building should not be at the expense of pre-existing leisure facilities and should be maintained as a means to enable residents to stay healthy.

I object to the development of Sainsburys, Green Lanes SA32.
This Sainburys supermarket with café is well used and provides parking for the local library. Developing this site for housing will take away a much used and useful retail outlet and will result in local people having to drive further around the borough to do a supermarket shop.

If the ASDA Southgate site SA20, M&S Food Southgate site SA22, Tesco Ponders End site SA12, Morrisons Southbury Road site SA10, Sainsburys Crown Road site SA8 and Tesco Southbury Road site SA6 are also to go, current users will be forced to drive further

afield and probably to other boroughs to do their weekly/bulky supermarket shopping causing further road congestion and pollution in Enfield. I do not believe that workers that do a weekly shop will readily turn to shopping on the High Streets. Instead, this action will cause congestion in the remaining large supermarkets left in the borough or cause people to drive further afield to source their shopping more conveniently. The green space and habitat around the Sainsburys on Green Lanes should be preserved as an asset to our environment.

I object to the development of land at Crewes Hill SA27

The building of up to 3000 new homes on this site would diminish the Green Belt effect of this area and would no longer keep the urban housing sprawl of London in check. There would be issues for the water table and flash flooding to local areas if this were to be concreted over. For this reason I also object to the development of Land at Chase Park SA28, Land between Camlet Way and Crescent Way SA45.

To summarise, the total amount of new homes that Enfield is proposing to build amounts to the size of a town and new sites away from London should be considered due to the environmental, social and infrastructural impacts on an already overcrowded borough.