

We are strongly opposed to the proposed construction of dwellings on Green Belt land. The Green Belt, and Enfield's parks, are features that make living in the Borough distinctive and attractive for everyone – now and in the future.

We prefer sending our views by e-mail rather than completing the survey as the length of the Local Plan and its accompanying survey make it impossible to complete the latter meaningfully without a close reading of the Plan. But from what we understand of the Plan we feel it has several limitations:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->i) <!--[endif]-->Obviously green fields are more attractive for builders, but given the large amount of commercial land and associated car parks in the Borough it is highly questionable whether the possibility of building on brownfield sites has been fully explored – especially given the increasing trend towards home working and on-line retailing

<!--[if !supportLists]-->ii) <!--[endif]-->A plan has to be based on some future expectation, but most forecasts, particularly those 18 years ahead, are invariably wrong. It is unwise to commit too much too soon. Instead there should be a clearly staged approach, with the opportunity to review the situation in the light of experience. The likelihood of a Government review of its proposed changes to the planning system emphasises the need for caution when making irrevocable decisions

<!--[if !supportLists]-->iii) <!--[endif]-->If some requirement to build on mixed-use Green Belt sites such as Crews Hill becomes inevitable, then builders should pay a substantial 'environmental loss charge' to reflect the value communities attach to Green Belt land that will be gone forever.