

I am writing to object to various proposals made in the Enfield draft Local Plan. These objections relate to new developments on the green belt and the construction of “tall buildings” in various locations.

Green belt (Policies SP PL 9, SP PL 10, SA 45, SA 52 and SA 54)

It is unsustainable to erode the green belt by building on parts of it. Once lost, these parts of the green belt will never be recovered – to do so once creates a precedent to do so again and eventually the green belt will be entirely or mostly gone. The preservation of the entire green belt is essential not only to curb the continuous and unchecked expansion of the capital, but also to ensure that the capital includes green, undeveloped areas for environmental and public health reasons. Furthermore, with the likelihood of increased severe rainstorms in the future due to global warming, developed land increases the probability of flooding as the rain cannot be absorbed by the land and will simply run off.

Tall buildings (Policies DE6 and SA2)

The proposals to build tall buildings in various parts of Enfield would be entirely out of keeping with local areas, especially in the Enfield Town Palace Gardens shopping centre. Such buildings would not provide the sort of housing needed: although superficially appearing to be high density, there are far better ways of providing the quantity of housing required as well as being better quality.