

Please accept this email as my response to the recently issued paper outlining the Draft (daft?) Local Plan for Enfield.

I have found the process as initiated by the Council to be biased in that you present it as your preferred option even before you have had any response from the wider Enfield residents that will have their lives disrupted by many of your proposals and flawed in the way that you have excluded thousands of residents who do not have access to electronic communication systems. If it had not been for the actions of several residents associations and similar 'active' groups you clearly had no intention of issuing any detail to the wider community and when you did distribute the recent leaflet it is not until you access the information on the councils' website that you see an option to submit comments in writing. Over the recent year there have been a number of other proposals you have presented in ways that have made it very difficult for the elderly and less advantaged members of the Enfield community to understand and comment on.

With regard to this Local Plan, the manner in which the 'information' is presented may be clear to those who regularly read such detailed documents but simple detail such as the height of buildings is not easy to identify, and the many different cross-hatching areas are even more difficult for the layman to grasp the detail of each section. A more simple and descriptive attachment should have accompanied the original leaflet or at least be at the start of the online information. This issue alone causes me great concern for the wider community to be able to grasp the significance of these proposals.

The Green Belt surrounding the top of Enfield is something we should be protecting not decimating as proposed by your plan to build thousands of houses in Crews Hill, on land between Hadley Road and Oakwood, and between Camlet way and Crescent Way in Hadley Wood. It is not just the scale of the building work but the damage this will cause to surrounding roads and the lack of facilities that will inevitably result in more congestion and pollution. What provision is there in your 'Plan' for schools, Doctors, shopping facilities, these will be required so will this be more loss of OUR

## Green Belt?

You say Crews Hill has its own 'transport hub', where? Crews Hill station has two trains an hour (when they are not canceled). You say there is a bus service to Crews Hill. There is, but it is a small single deck bus that terminates some 3/4 mile from the station. Clay Hill, on which this single deck bus is already causing traffic problems, is far too small to accommodate a standard double-deck bus, do you propose to widen Clay Hill between Browning Road and Strayfield Road? If so who will pay for this, the developers or us the Enfield Residents? Where will these thousands of people shop? Is it feasible for families with children to shop in Enfield Town, catch the bus home with a weekly shop then walk a mile with children and shopping or will they use their car? We know by now the Council's attitude towards private cars, would you provide a cycle lane from Enfield Town to Crews Hill? Where would it run, Clay Hill or East Lodge Lane both of which are now heavily congested or should they rely on delivery trucks for everything?

The Government stated in its manifesto it was committed to protecting the Green Belt and that it should only be considered for development in 'extreme circumstances' and that a Local Authority should only consider this if it can show that it has examined all other reasonable options, have you? Are there no Brownfield sites left in Enfield? I'm sure that many of the more suitable Brownfield sites would have better transport links than Crews Hill.

In my opinion, you have already hoodwinked the community into the loss of Whitewebbs Park as a public amenity the detail of which is buried deep into the plan on page 375.

As for your proposals to build massive tower blocks all around the Borough and in particular in the middle of Enfield Town, this will only serve to remind existing residents and visitors to the area of your total disregard for the wider community. During the current pandemic I have traveled to a number towns around England and have found many that have had development that has enhanced the town centre, simple ideas such as alterations inside shops but keeping original frontage to keep the character of the town. Your plan will make Enfield seem like a deprived city center.

I have read that the London Assembly's Planning and Regeneration Committee agree that tower blocks are NOT the answer to London's housing needs and should not be encouraged outside of a FEW designated and carefully managed areas. I can send you a copy if you missed it.

In closing, I ask for a response to the questions I have raised and hope you will reconsider your proposals and listen to the Community you serve before coming out with an alternative Plan that will benefit existing and new residents of this Borough.