

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Local Plan. I find it strange that St Anne's Catholic High School for Girls (Secondary School, Lower Site) has been identified as one of five site allocation areas (SA1) in the Enfield Town Placemaking Area (PL1). To identify this as a housing site would be contrary to London Plan Policy S3 (Education and childcare facilities) which states in paragraph 5.3.5 that "There is a growing need for school places in London... particularly for secondary school places...". This is also set out in paragraph 11.1.34 (Enabling Infrastructure: Schools). I understand the council is required to identify housing sites in accordance with the Mayor of London however I am not sure it is sensible to identify a school site.

In addition, identifying this site as also contrary to the NPPF paragraph 95 which states "It is important that a sufficient choice of school places is available to meet the needs of existing and new communities". It goes on to say LPA's should "give great weight to the need to create, expand or alter schools through the preparation of plans and decisions on applications".

If you are going to propose further housing development, it does not seem to make sense to remove an existing education facility unless there is a valid reason why it is no longer needed or other options considered.