

Dear Sirs

I wish to object to certain parts of the draft local plan, particularly in relation to developing the green belt for the purpose of housing for the following reasons:

- 1 It cannot possibly be known what the future population of Enfield will be – it can only be guesswork. At the moment much of the Enfield population serves as a dormitory for office workers in London. What current circumstances have shown is that there is a preference for working from home where possible and what that has shown is that people would rather live well outside London. Also, the government seems set on reducing immigration – this should also reduce population growth in Enfield.
- 2 The current infrastructure in Enfield is currently insufficient for Enfield's needs – not enough doctors, hospital beds, schools places, etc. If the council is unable to provide sufficient for today's needs, what hope is there for an increased populous?
- 3 The green belt is a precious resource, providing clean air. Increased housing means increased pollution to a detriment to all Enfield residents.
- 4 The green belt is a source of exercise to residents providing numerous walking paths. Again the loss of country walking paths is detrimental to residents' health.
- 5 Once a precedent has been established – to build on green belt land, there will be no stopping future development.

I beg of you, for the good of the people of Enfield and for future generations, to respect the historical importance of Enfield Chase, and to reconsider this appalling plan and confine development to brownfield sites.