

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please take this email as my response to the local plan consultation.

I have a few general comments on the consultation exercise before I respond in my details to the plan proposals themselves.

Firstly I think it is highly unsatisfactory that Enfield Council has made it difficult to download the consultation form and to have hard copies of this to use as an alternative to an electronic response.

Secondly it is arguably discriminatory, particularly against those who either do not have full access to a PC, due to age or disability to issue a lengthy document without limited summaries of the key decision points to respond to. Given the diversity within this borough the lack of accessible information in this regard is poor.

Thirdly, the length of the plan - I would question how many busy people would have the time to read and fully digest a document in excess of 400 pages. Whilst I understand and appreciate the need for detail and to ensure the consultation plan takes into account national policies and guidance, there could have been further simpler mechanisms to obtain engagement. I note there were a few consultation meetings but for a borough of this size the number of these meetings are wholly inadequate.

Looking specifically at the issues I wish to raise - the main thrust of my response and objections relate to the proposed use of green belt land. There are many great things about this borough including its history and heritage but one of the things that is particularly significant is its high quality green belt which I feel must be kept intact.

I specifically object to the following policies:

PL9: Crews Hill and PL10: Chace Park.

Both these planned proposals would lead to significant harm to the green belt countryside. There has already been significant housing development on the site of Chase Farm hospital and it is not clear why further development is proposed on already limited green spaces in the EN2 area.

The heritage and history of Enfield Chase is significant and should be retained. This includes keeping the green belt intact as it is such an important part of the borough

Whilst I fully appreciate the need for more housing it should not be at the cost of losing valuable green space particularly given climate change and the need to reduce pollution. The use of brownfield land should be further explored.

I urge Enfield Council to seek alternative plans and measures to preserve all the wonderful green belt in Enfield for this and future generations.

