

To whom it may concern
Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Enfield Local Plan. As a resident of the London Borough of Enfield, I am writing with my comments:

1. I wish to object to the proposal to de-designate areas of Green Belt land for housing and other purposes, as referred to in Policies SP PL9 (pages 77-80 and Concept Plan Figure 3.10) and SP PL10 (pages 81-87, and Figure 3.11); Policy SA45 (Land Between Camlet Way and Crescent Way, Hadley Wood, page 364); Policy SA54 (page 374); and Policies SA62 (page 383) and SP CL4 (pages 277-279). These sites are part of the historic Enfield Chase and an invaluable asset of which the Borough should be proud and seeking to preserve for the benefit of current and future generations, not seeking to destroy. This is a precious landscape and its loss would cause immeasurable damage to character of the borough.

2. I wish to register my strongest objection also to the proposed developments in Southgate as referred to in Policy SP PL6 (pages 62-65, Figure 3.7). I am concerned in particular at the suggestion that Southgate has “potential for increased densities and heights” and the specific proposal to “intensify the use” of surface-level car parks associated with supermarkets. I strongly object to the Tall Building Policy DM DE6 (pages 156-160, Figure 7.3 and Figure 7.4). The siting of tall buildings in Southgate is unnecessary, will cause irreparable damage to the local landscape and should not be considered. The recent proposal for tall buildings at Southgate Office Village – a proposal which was unanimously rejected by Enfield Council Planning Committee - is a timely illustration of why this sort of development is wholly inappropriate in any part of Southgate. That the possibility of tall buildings is even being considered seems (to me) incredible, following the terrible experience of Grenfell Tower and the importance of fostering health and well-being among communities (which are not engendered by high-rise living).

In response to the specific questions on page 65 of the draft Enfield Local Plan (para 3.6.8), mso-bidi-font-family:Calibri;mso-bidi-theme-font:minor-latin;mso-fareast-language:EN-GB">

1. Does the vision for Southgate set out an appropriate vision for the future of this place? If not, what components do you think should be changed or are missing?

No. The siting of tall buildings will significantly damage the landscape of Southgate and make this a far less attractive place to live and work. It would also place additional pressures on already over-stretched local infrastructure (schools, GP practices, local transport, etc). The development of a night-time economy will destroy the current pleasant and quiet ambience of Southgate – a feature which makes this such an appealing place to live and work.

2. Will the proposed placemaking policy for Southgate help to adequately deliver the aspirations set out in the vision? If not, what proposed changes, omissions or additions are required in the policy to help deliver the vision?

The Enfield Local Plan places too much emphasis on improving the use of public transport. Recent experience with the COVID19 pandemic has shown that use of public transport has declined significantly and may not recover to pre-COVID levels. Even before

the pandemic, public transport in and around Southgate was over-crowded – in particular the Piccadilly Line into central London. It therefore seems inappropriate to base future development around increased use of public transport as the indications are that the latter is unlikely to happen. *mso-fareast-language:EN-GB">*

In conclusion, I would strongly urge Enfield Council to reconsider its proposed Local Plan. As drafted, this would be very detrimental for Enfield's residents and for the reputation and character of the Borough as a pleasant place to live and work. The siting of more tall buildings and the loss of the Green Belt will severely damage the environment in Enfield and once lost, will be impossible to regain. *Calibri;mso-bidi-theme-font:minor-latin;mso-fareast-language:EN-GB">*

Thank you for considering my comments.