

To whomever it may concern,

I am writing to voice my objections and concerns in the strongest possible way to the new housing and spatial draft plan for Enfield.

Enfield has housing quotas set by Central Government, however I am in fierce objection to the loss of any Greenbelt land to housing or private ownership/ leasing which results in the loss of any green land and trees. The Greenbelt not only allows Enfield to a desirable green place to live, but acts as carbon control for London. Destruction of this resource endangers the health of its residents and will drastically increase pollution levels in the borough. If they continue to pave over the Greenbelt it will destroy the land that has been dedicated to stop London sprawl and counteracts the ever-increasing pollution in the City.

I object to the following Policies: SP PL10, pages 80-87, and Figure 3.11; Policy SP PL9, pages 77-80 and Concept Plan Figure 3.10; Policy SA45: Land Between Camlet Way and Crescent Way, Hadley Wood, page 364; Policy SA54, page 374; and Policy SA62 page 383 and SP CL4 pages 277-279 – all of which propose the redesignation of Green Belt for housing and other purposes. These sites are part of historic Enfield Chase, which is unique in the southeast and played an important role in the development of Enfield. It is a rare and valuable landscape asset, and its loss would cause permanent harm not only to the Green Belt, but also to the very character of the borough. The argument that the West of the borough is too green, and therefore needs to be brought down to the same standard as the east of the borough is a nonsensical. The current administration should save this space for the use of all residents. Better transport links from the east to the west could be an option to ensure that the residents in the east are able to use the greenspace. There must be enough greenspace for all. The recent pandemic has shown us just how much people in high rise accommodation suffer without access to green space and yet you seem to want to increase high-rise buildings and decrease green spaces which will only have a negative affect on this and future generations.

I object to Policies SA62 page 383 and SP CL4 pages 277-279 because they transfer part of Whitewebbs Park, a public amenity, into private management. Whitewebbs is not only used by golfers who cannot afford private golf club membership fees, but walkers, families, and nature lovers. My family and I rediscovered the joy of walking around Whitewebbs and Hillyfields throughout the pandemic. My children love these spaces and would suffer greatly if they were to be lost. The ancient woodland should be saved at all costs. The loss of habitat for wildlife, and the noise and disruption levels for endangered of native fauna will be immeasurable.

I object to Policy SA52 page 372, which would remove part of Rammey Marsh, a wildlife area and public amenity, from the Green Belt. As above this not only provides an important 'gate' between the M25 and Enfield residents, but the Northern Gateway Access Road was not given permission as it destroyed this local birdwatching nature reserve. This should be protected at all costs.

I object to the tall building policies on pages 156-160, Figure 7.3, Figure 7.4, and Policy DE6, and SA2 Palace Gardens Shopping Centre page 321 which propose areas for and the acceptable height of tall buildings which, in many cases is incongruous with the landscape and are unnecessary because other lower rise building forms could provide the same accommodation, as stated in the policy. Please also refer to my earlier point above regarding the mental health of residents. These are not “affordable” housing prospects.

Regarding Policy SP PL9 pages 77-80 and concept Plan Figure 3.10, I oppose the Crews Hill ‘sustainable settlement’. I understand that businesses have already received their CPO letters, apparently without public consultation. The loss of family businesses and greenbelt has seemingly been discounted.

I oppose SA54, page 374, about the 11 hectares of new industry and storage distribution use at the agricultural land east of Junction 24 of the M25 at part of new cottages and Holly Hill Farm.

All the above policies do not take into consideration the immediate and long-term loss of green space, the increased strain on the local infrastructure, education, and public health services. I moved with my family to Enfield (where my Wife was born and raised) three years ago because of the green spaces. We lived in Angel previously and know only too well how poor health can become when there is not adequate green space and high pollution. The loss to natural habitats will be catastrophic for our wildlife. Given that there are viable other sites and we are hurtling towards a climate crisis, why is Enfield not trying more to protect these green spaces? There is simply not the infrastructure to support these new houses; traffic around Enfield is at an all-time high, increasing pollution and endangering the health of our children, who will be the ones to reap the rewards of this ill-conceived venture. It does not stand as a Plan to ensure that all residents in Enfield are considered, that our history or our greenspace is protected at all costs.