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**ENFIELD LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION
OBJECTION TO THE ENFIELD PLAN -
DRAFT LOCAL PLAN**

To whom it may concern:

I am most unhappy about your proposed DRAFT LOCAL PLAN. It is virtually impossible to have the time to go through this enormous document of 413 pages. Many residents have absolutely no idea that this proposal is even being discussed.

I find it extraordinary that the proposals offered on one day in the local Library that this wasn't a long-standing exhibition during the proposal time. Why do you not email people and tell them? To get a leaflet on the day after/or the day of the library meeting is NOT ACCEPTABLE to inform us of the Plan.

Local Facilities •

- The loss of a major supermarket in the area will force people to have to drive further. This would especially affect elderly and disabled residents and increase car usage on local roads. •
- No supporting community infrastructure planned which will lead to an overstretch of existing facilities such as schools, doctors' surgeries etc. •
- With the Fords Grove car park going and 14% of car parking on Winchmore Hill Broadway having gone, this development will lead to a further loss of revenue to local shops leading to potential closures. Impact on local residents •
- The increase in vehicles on the road from potential residents of this development, will increase carbon monoxide levels which will impact locals and especially school children at Highfields school.
- Environmental • This development will lead to the destruction of habitat and woodlands – the site is home to at least three different species of woodpecker (greater/lesser spotted and green varieties) as well as trees with protection orders (poplars and oak trees) •

- The green space is especially useful for residents who live in the surrounding flats and do not have gardens •
- The area is used by families and elderly alike, which contributes to the health and wellbeing of all residents of Enfield Other issues •
- This development will need to offer housing in keeping with the character of existing housing in Winchmore Hill. Enfield residents require larger, affordable family housing which this development will not be able to offer. •
- Inappropriate choice of site given the close proximity of existing traditional historical properties.
- • This development will lead to an over development of the area given the recent and future developments along Green Lanes - Travis Perkins, Capitol House etc • A one bedroom flat in the River View development where Capitol House was costs around £400k how is this affordable housing for anyone overlooking a traffic lights? I also notice that the Fox Lane Development has suddenly had a sign with Help to Buy on as though it is now part of the Government's wider plan.
- There will be construction vehicle disruption and increased building work traffic on a road (Green Lanes) already congested especially for most of the day. •
- There will be an impact on the skyline of Enfield and not in keeping with the existing character of the area.

This is not helped by the existing LTNs that cause static traffic & increased fumes and adding to the pollution and air quality issues that we are now living with.

I notice you have 19 Electric Car Charging points in the Borough and will change this to over 250 by 2025 – surely this will still not work and there seems to be no forward thinking in looking at other objectives and links for transport. To get a bus to go to Southgate tube takes approximately 40 minutes – this is not helpful to get people to work.

I oppose more tower blocks & housing on Greenbelt land, the addition of more housing, will be putting local infrastructure under more pressure. Where are the extra Doctors, Dentists, Schools & parking to cope with the extra amount of people to live here. Whilst I fully understand the need for homes, what are you doing with the empty retail outlets, surely there are ways to develop some housing in these spaces. What about the empty brownfield sites that are ready for development?

SUPERMARKET SITES

Objection to SA32, Sainsburys Green Lanes N21 3RS. Page 351 of Enfield Local Plan: Redevelopment of supermarket and car park to mixed-use homes and non-residential floor space.

The site (SA32) is outlined in the Enfield Local Plan page 351. The Local Plan is the framework for future redevelopment in the area. I fully oppose this on all levels.

Have you ever been to Sainsbury's Winchmore Hill? It is so busy at most times of the day that you always have to queue. Have you seen the lack of good quality supermarkets here instead of the smaller type City stores? This area covers all the Bush Hill Park, Winchmore Hill, Palmers Green, Southgate, Cockfosters, Enfield and more.

I chose to live in this area seeing that I could drive to do my shopping. I have an ongoing back issue from breaking my back when I was younger. I am not able to cycle, walk with shopping and indeed I have to go in and do about three bags of shopping in order to only carry a small amount when I do shop. I could never do this without a car and I have a family to look after. I appreciate that some people can cycle but I will never be in a position to do so. I am also unable to walk or use a trolley to get shopping.

I understand that none of the staff know about this plan. I also don't think that many local residents know of this also.

I wish to object to the following items on the plan to change the supermarkets and car parks in these areas: (I could not find the numbers – it would take me days to go through it again)

Tesco Superstore, Savoy Parade, Southbury Road, Enfield EN1 1NW

Sainsbury's Crown Road, EN1 1TH

Morrisons, Southbury Road, EN1 1TW

ASDA Southgate, 130 Chase Side, Southgate N14 5PW

M & S Food Southgate, N14 6AQ

Sainsbury's Green Lanes, Winchmore Hill, N21 3RS

Edmonton Green Shopping Centre, N9 0TZ

Palace Gardens Shopping Centre, Enfield EN2 6SN

How are people supposed to shop safely and for families? It isn't just collecting one or two items on the way home from a station shop?

I understand that the Council will receive a windfall of £3,500 for every job lost from the developers. This is scandalous. Jobs need to be protected, people and key workers in particular have had a very difficult time from the pandemic and this will be the last straw.

People's lives and wellbeing will be affected by the loss of jobs and the loss of being able to shop.

In fact, there is so much I haven't had time to find, and whilst I did initially look at the plan when it was an excel spread sheet in the summer I now cannot find this hidden document. On this document many areas were mentioned to be advised etc and not for public information. This is rather scary and there seems to be that we are being hoodwinked and not treated in a transparent and fair manner.

I have been in touch with Save Enfield and recommended to include the areas in my letter to you which I oppose as follows below:

- The ‘Spatial strategy’ ([section 2.4](#)) which identifies how growth will be distributed across the Borough over the plan period and gives rise to the strategies for housing, employment, town centres and countryside green belt;
- 3,000 new houses at a ‘deeply green’ ‘sustainable urban extension’ referred to as ‘Chase Park’ (also known as Vicarage Farm) on the open Green Belt countryside next to Trent Park either side of the A110 (Enfield Road) between Oakwood and Enfield town ([Policy SP PL 10, pages 80-87, and Figure 3.11](#));
- 3,000 new houses in a ‘sustainable settlement’ at Crews Hill with the potential for longer term expansion up to 7,500 new homes right up to the M25. ([Policy SP PL9, pages 77-80 and Concept Plan Figure 3.10](#));
- 160 homes in Green Belt countryside at Hadley Wood ([SA45: Land Between Camlet Way and Crescent Way, Hadley Wood, page 364](#))
- Industrial and office development in the Green Belt near Rammey Marsh ([SA52 page 372](#))
- 11 hectares of new industrial and storage and distribution use at what is currently agricultural land east of Junction 24 of the M25 at part of new Cottages and Holly Hill Farm within Enfield Chase ([SA54, page 374](#));

a big expansion of the Spurs football training ground to the north of Whitewebbs Lane up to the M25, comprising of 42.5 hectares of land, for “professional sport, recreation and community sports/leisure uses” ([SA62 page 383 & SP CL4 pages 277–279](#));

SPPL9 – Crews Hill

Development on the Green Belt and Metropolitan Open Land, The Green Belt and Edges of the Countryside SPBG4, SPBG5, DMR E1

I oppose all the planning on the Green Belt and the Metropolitan Open Land, and the Green Belt and Edges of the Countryside, SPBG4, SPBG5, DMR E1

The benefit of living in an area that is close to countryside has been the reason I chose this area and the ease to get to enjoy some green spaces.

This area is an outstanding area of natural beauty and also the only place I know in the UK that is such a specialized area for garden centres and it adds to the thriving community and businesses in the area. The whole area that has the Capel Manor College and gardeners aiding the local community and adding to the wellbeing of us all living here.

Just because there is a train station why should it then be changed of use to residential homes.

FIRS FARM WETLANDS

Policy PS CL4

To lose the award-winning blue/green space that many local people use is just extraordinary. At a time when we are all looking to add to Metropolitan open land and an asset for health and wellbeing, education, the environment, nature, wildlife, biodiversity, sport, recreation.

I object to Draft policy DM BG16 in the Draft Enfield Local Plan. This allocates Firs Farm Wetlands (Site IDSA59) as a site for burial and or crematorium use. I oppose this policy because

Firs farm wetlands is a vitally important community resource, essential to the health and wellbeing of the local people in many ways.

The Draft policy directly contradicts strategic Policy SP CL4 in the draft local plan. This identifies Firs Farm as facilitating and contributing towards developing sport and leisure facilities in Enfield.

The proposal will significantly affect the Local Site of Interest for Nature Conservative, and reduce the biodiversity and nature conservation interest of Firs Farm Wetlands, which Enfield Council has spent more than £1million to provide.

The proposal will adversely affect the environment, and local traffic, and this has not been properly considered in the Integrated Impact Assessment of the draft local plan.

The policy introduces uncertainty into the future use of Firs Farm Wetlands that jeopardises funding for projects secured by local community groups (eg from Thames Water) that have been endorsed and supported by Enfield Council.

I call on the Council to remove all reference to Firs Farm wetlands from Policy SPCL4.

DMBG10 – Crematoriums in the Borough I fully oppose these plans.

In fact it strikes me that I oppose all the applications to change to Crematoriums in the Borough. Whilst I understand there is a need for places to be buried/cremated, it seems to be the only new service that Enfield Council are giving in the plan is a place to die, with the introduction of the LTN's and the increased pollution from the stationery traffic, as well as the difficulties and stress added from taking away and redeveloping our supermarkets to

smaller spaces, whereby we cannot park in future will only add to the stress and angst of living here.

I moved here with my family only a few years ago and I am bitterly disappointed with the quality of life I have endured here since, compared to living in the LB Camden and Haringey beforehand. This is certainly adding to our stress.

Where are the new links and help to better transport?

The nighttime economy – DME9 – I certainly am keen to ensure that there is a safe and welcome emerging night time economy, but I do not see the allowance of Merkur Slots in Palmers Green to be what I would call a benefit to the area.

The areas from Vicarage Farm are now earmarked for development. Who can afford these places to live that will have little or no transport links. Would you cycle on these roads that are completely full of cars coming from and to the M25. I understand there are issues around an offshore company looking at developing the land for profit. This is not the reason to allow for building on the land. Surely this will change the face of Enfield forever more.

There are Brownfield sites I understand around the Edmonton and Meridian Water along the River that could be used for further housing. To build on the Green Belt in a time where we are all trying to live in an environmentally safe way seems to be going against what nature needs at this time. The Mayor of London has wanted to continue to protect the Green Belt.

So what are the services with all these new homes, GP Surgeries, schools, congested roads? I do not use the schools, I do not use a local GP but I use the local supermarkets and shop here and quite frankly it all needs improving.

Looking on the 'Nextdoor' Site people have suggested that we all do online shopping now. Well whilst in the pandemic I may have used online shopping as I was shielding, I certainly do not now. Do people honestly think that we will all go online, this will add to the further carbon footprint and Ocado/Sainsbury's/Asda/Morrison/Tesco vans clogging up Green Lanes and the surrounding roads. Since the introduction of the LTN I cannot get anywhere to visit family and friends in surrounding areas without adding on at least 30 minutes for whatever time of day it is, and that is each way.

I have written to Enfield Councillors before on my issues regarding local traffic, the LTN's and the local road closures to the Mayor of London, our MP Bambos Charalambos and had very little joy back over the years on this. I therefore feel that I am wasting my time with this letter but I have no other options but to tell you my thoughts.

- Encouragement for tall buildings, including in sensitive locations such as the town centre conservation area ([see pages 156-60, Figure 7.3, Figure 7.4 and Policy DE6, and SA2](#))

Palace Gardens Shopping centre page 321). A **higher quality version of figure 7.4** is also available, showing proposed maximum building heights across the Borough. I strongly oppose building on these areas, and for tall buildings to take their place.

I am sure there are many other things that I would not be happy about in this DRAFT LOCAL PLAN but I sadly do not have the time to go through any further as I wish to ensure you receive these objections from myself and my family living here before the cut off time this evening.

I have also included below we are fully in agreement to the following points from the Enfield Society paper attached and we oppose building around Crews Hill Golf Club, Botany Bay, Hadley Wood, Enfield Chase and Areas of Special Character as noted on this paper.

https://enfieldsociety.org.uk/documents/localplan/final-version-summary-low_res.pdf