

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to strongly object to the destruction of the greenbelt in the draft local plan. The green belt is there to protect the environment and stop urban sprawl. Once it is lost it is lost forever. One of the greatest things Enfield has going for it is its proximity to green space, which make it a great place to live regardless of your income or background. I feel it makes no sense to be building on the green belt when Enfield has plenty of brownfield sites that would be greatly improved by redevelopment.

These plans are ill considered and do not take into the account how Covid-19, climate change and Brexit have change the way we all work and live. Building more and more houses to be close to London does not make sense with the mass move to home working. The pandemic has shown that people want access to open space which Enfield currently can provide but will be diminished significantly by these plans. There was a correlation of deaths in the pandemic to road pollution, building more house which are car centric will only add to this problem.

I object to all the proposed building on green belt within Enfield, but I would like to specifically object to parts

**1)3,000 new houses at a‘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) because:**

- It will destroy the habitat we have for nature around tent park
- It will destroy the landscape and views around Trent Park which part of the historic Enfield chase hunting grounds.
- It will not deliver affordable housing to key worker, as these will be sold as expensive houses
- The development is far from train stations, enfield town centre. It is surrounded by fast main roads and is hilly which will deter walking and cycling. This will lead to a massive increase in cars on the road, leading to more traffic and pollution. Judging by the surrounding area it will end up with there being at least 2 cars for every household. This will lead to there being 6000 extra cars on Enfield roads
- There are plenty of brownfield sites in Enfield that could be developed and deliver housing in areas with good transport links
- It will destroy the Merryhill Way which is one of the best country walks in Enfield and it will become nothing more than a walk though houses

**2)3,000 new houses 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);**

- It will end up with the garden centre being lost which provide employment, give enjoyment to residents of Enfield and attract visitors
- It will increase the number of cars on the road
- There will be no countryside surrounding Enfield for the residents to enjoy
- It will not deliver affordable housing to key workers, as these will be sold as expensive houses

I would like to also say I feel Enfield Council has not publicised these changes or explained what they mean to the residents. It feels like the council have been trying to hide these radical developments these proposals contain. This is undemocratic.

Like many of the local residents I have found the access to green spaces around Enfield has helped my wellbeing, let us not destroy this asset.