

Hi,

I'd like to record my dissatisfaction with many parts of the draft Local Plan for Enfield and I've listed below my objections to the elements I am most concerned about.

I live off Chase Side in EN2 and there are a number of proposals affecting the local area that I believe will alter the area in the worst possible way. Overall I think your current proposals to build on Green Belt areas, like Enfield Road at Oakwood and Crews Hill, are flawed and should not be taken forward. Enfield Society has looked into the amount of brownfield space in the borough that could be used for new buildings and found that your plan has grossly underestimated the amount of brownfield space available.

Any building on Enfield's Green Belt will ruin the amenities enjoyed by all Enfield residents and Londoners, and will negatively impact this historical area. Enfield town and its local areas will become unattractive areas for future investment and habitation and these proposals will cause the area to decline as we lose the unique features of countryside that many residents and visitors enjoy.

1. Section 2: Spatial Strategy, I don't believe any building should be allowed in any part of the Green Belt; the belt needs to be protected for the health and mental wellbeing of Enfield residents and, indeed, all Londoners. If nothing else Covid has shown the benefits Londoners get from green countryside in which to recover and recuperate. New buildings and accommodation can be built on brownfield sites which I don't believe the council has fully included in its plans (see the Enfield Society website for more info: <https://betterhomes-enfield.org/2021/08/26/enfield-councils-draft-local-plan-undercounts-the-number-of-homes-that-could-be-built-on-brownfield-sites/>).
2. The proposed development of Vicarage Farm on the A110, Enfield Road will be horrendous for the local area, Oakwood and Trent Park. The green land on either side of the road is needed for the countryside and green belt of the area. The planned 3,000 odd new houses at that site will massively increase congestion and traffic and will rob Enfield residents of a vital countryside asset. (Policy SP PL 10, pages 80-87, and Figure 3.11).
3. Similarly at Crews Hill, which is prime countryside and used by many residents, myself included, to explore the woods and countryside. The proposed 3,000 new houses will obliterate the green belt area and cannot be supported with the existing road and rail links. It will lead to enormous urban overspill into the green belt and encourage future growth into the countryside. (Policy SP PL9, pages 77-80 and Concept Plan Figure 3.10).
4. The proposal to remove current agricultural land east of Junction 24, M25 and replace it with new industrial and storage and distribution use will remove a key part of the countryside that is used extensively by ramblers, cyclists and nature lovers. It will mean moving a part of London's industrial infrastructure further into the green belt and eroding our use and enjoyment of the Green belt and our countryside. (SA54, page 374).
5. The planned large 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" will remove public land, currently owned by the people of Enfield/London and hand it over to a private company, Spurs. Their use of the current training ground has meant we have lost that part of Whitewebbs already; this new proposal will mean the public losing access to, and use of, another part of Whitewebbs. (SA62 page 383 & SP CL4

pages 277–279).

6. The council's encouragement for tall buildings in the borough, such as the proposal for the B&Q site on the A10, is ruining the nature and look of Enfield. It's pretty obvious that the planners allowing these tall buildings don't leave anywhere near them as the current ones on Southbury Road, near the Town train station, show how ugly they are and how much they ruin the neighbourhood. I especially object to the current proposal for a massive tall building in Enfield Town centre, which will ruin the town centre's appeal as well as decimating the skyline of Enfield. (see pages 156-60, Figure 7.3, Figure 7.4 and Policy DE6, and SA2 Palace Gardens Shopping centre page 321).