

Though understanding that Enfield must meet housing quotas set by Central Government, I object fiercely to the loss of any Green Belt land. Alternative sites are available and should be used instead.

I am writing to 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.

Most of these sites are part of historic Enfield Chase, which played an important role in the development of Enfield. The remaining parts of the Chase are unique in the southeast and a rare and valuable landscape asset. The loss of these sites would cause permanent harm not only to the Green Belt, but also to the very character of the borough. Vicarage Farm is crossed by the Merryhills Way footpath, much used by Enfield residents and others for exercise and relaxation and the physical and mental health attributes of the footpath would be destroyed by development. The farmland could be put back into productive use growing local food for local people.

Crews Hill is equally important to the borough and should not be destroyed. Its garden centres and other businesses provide employment and a resource for people from Enfield and beyond. Instead of losing Crews Hill for housing, its horticultural activities should be encouraged and enhanced so that it can once again be a hub for food and plant production.

I am also objecting 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 would mar the landscape and are unnecessary because other lower rise building forms could provide the same accommodation, as stated in the policy.

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.

Enfield is already overcrowded. From a small market town, it has become an urban sprawl without the infrastructure to support it. The road system is inadequate to cope with current use. There are frequent traffic jams - The Ridgeway and Cockfosters Road, the main roads from the M25, are prime examples - because there are so many more vehicles on the same roads that initially served a small, quiet town.

As a result of the high volume of traffic, pollution has risen and already adversely impacts on health. Since I moved from the Lancaster Road area to near the Ridgeway, my asthma has become considerably worse as a result of the high volume of traffic and the resulting pollution.

Such huge development conflicts with the character of Enfield. I am extremely concerned by the lack of consideration for biodiversity. A huge number of wildlife habitats will be destroyed, adding to the damage done by other developments including Trent Park, West Lodge, Chase Farm and the proposal to build on Cockfosters car park. Trees, hedges and other plant life will be destroyed and this will have a detrimental effect on the physical and mental well-being of those living here.

Lockdown has shown what a valuable and valued asset Enfield's open spaces are. This has got to be beneficial, as it helps manage stress as well as promoting exercise.

There are over 3,000 empty properties in Enfield. Surely it makes more sense to develop these rather than create a new, unwanted, detrimental, inappropriate scheme to develop our Green Belt? There are also Brown Field sites - it would be far less damaging to build on those.

Already there are too few school places; there are very long waiting times to see doctors or at hospitals; Council budgets are insufficient to cope with the inner city problems that are developing in the area.

I really hope that the voice of residents will be heard and this scheme will not be allowed to destroy the character and value of this beautiful borough.