

Further to my examination of the facts, I would like to record my objections to a number of the proposed development sites which in my opinion (as well as several thousand other local residents), will have a negative impact on the environment. Of particular concern is development on Green Belt land and the Crews Hill area. This will not only remove the much-loved garden centres but also damage an ecosystem which is home to thousands of species of flora and fauna.

The Palace Gardens redevelopment is also out of character for an historic market town. I see that the area also includes the Pearson's Department Store - will this be demolished? The plan is not clear and the full impact is not obvious to the untrained eye. Furthermore, high rise flats similar to those that appeared in the 1960's have been the subject of much criticism over the last two decades and many have been demolished as a result of decades of neglect - what guarantees are there that a similar fate does not await these proposed developments 20 years from now?

Another area of major concern is the potential loss of Sainsbury's in Green Lanes. Also, what will become of the library just in front of this site? This large store is critical to the local area and provides a valuable retail option for residents living close by who would otherwise have to journey to nearby Asda (also to be redeveloped) or the A10 (also, subject to major re-development).

I am sure that my thoughts echo those of others who have grown up in Enfield. I have to say that I have read through much of this plan with utter dismay. I appreciate that local government bodies are under immense pressure to meet housing targets, but where does this end exactly? The negative impact on the appearance of the borough and removal of certain key retail outlets is one thing, but the environmental cost outweighs all of these. 25,000 new homes is going to create a huge demand on resources - namely electricity, gas and water - not to mention the environmental damage in bringing those services to former rural sites previously home to wildlife. What provision has been given to water supply, sewage arrangements and energy consumption? There is also the impact of additional road traffic these developments will attract to the borough- how will the existing highway infrastructure be adjusted to accommodate tens of thousands of additional vehicles, the drivers of which will get behind the wheel daily. Also, what are the plans for population expansion and schooling?

In summary, I would say this is too much redevelopment for the space we have available and will totally alter the character of Enfield. It is hard to imagine what all this will look like 30 years from now - we should look at such plans for mass housing in the early 60's and what they had become by the late 80's / early 90's. Is this any different? I remember the Hoe Lane developments just over 20 years ago - everything looked lovely when it was

completed, yet now many of the properties have fallen into disrepair, have overgrown gardens and is another example of a failed development plan that looked great on paper but when the money had been made by the developers, no one cared about the future appearance.

In summary, I hope that the appearance of Enfield Town will be and voices such as The Enfield Society will be heard. These organisations are run by people who are very knowledgeable, some of whom have dedicated their lives to the preservation of our historic borough and its wonderful green spaces. Please listen to them - these changes will be irreversible.