

Dear Enfield Council and Local Plan Team

I was born in Chase Farm hospital and have lived in the Borough for over forty years. I have family and many friends in the Borough and I am proud to tell people Enfield is my home. I have worked and volunteered in Enfield and I use the many green areas for various recreational activities including walking. I am very worried because your proposals concerning the greenbelt in the draft local plan will irreversibly destroy one of the greenest boroughs in London.

I wish to record my objections 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 dedesignation of Green Belt for housing and other purposes.

My reasons are as follows:

Vicarage farm and crews hill area will be used to build very expensive homes rather than affordable housing. This will not house existing residents but counterproductively attract new residents to the borough. 12,500 homes, potentially 4-5 residents per house (couples and their children) could mean about 50,000 new people entering the borough all at once. This is exacerbating the problem not solving it. Added strain on roads, schools, doctors surgeries and hospitals which we do not have infrastructure for will mean more building and erosion of greenbelt. As the families grow up they too will need places to live and then...you will encroach on a little bit more greenbelt for new homes for these people.

In one of the local plan library drop in sessions I queried whether the rapid rise in population was just due to births. I have read that enfield experienced a sudden influx due to people migrating from central London due to benefit caps. How do we know that building more homes will solve the issue as this could happen again.

Also I have read the inequality report showing the divisions between the east and west of the borough and lifespan of residents. What you should be doing is improving the East Side which has been over developed not removing the valuable green spaces which benefit all of enfields residents in terms of access to open green spaces for rest, relaxation which is good for destressing and feeling better mentally.

Littering is a major concern. At the moment the greenbelt is very natural and shielded area. As soon as you allow more people to use the areas it will become full of litter. I spend some time when I am out walking collecting items such as plastic bottles, cans, food packaging from the grass and hedgerows. Litter in parks is already a problem and it costs the council money to maintain parks. Please walk along crews hill and look down into the ditches below the hedges at the roadside. They are full of old rubbish! Who will maintain these extra green spaces you are proposing to open to the public.

Furthermore it could encourage crime if people are walking through deserted quiet green 'walkways' as proposed in the plans for vicarage farm. We all know people are

realistically not going to walk everywhere if they have kids to ferry around or if the weather is not good. More paving over green spaces for driveways for cars will occur.

If you go down towards Hertford Road and Carterhatch you see less trees by the roads. This was because it costs money to maintain the branches overhanging roads to make it safe for buses and maintaining pavements because leaves fall making it slippery for walkers so the easiest solution was to cut the trees down.

We need a barrier of greenbelt between Enfield and the M25 because of pollution.

Rewilding other areas can never compensate for untouched greenbelt land. Ecosystems and wildlife that are supported by the greenbelt take years to develop. I see plenty of bees and butterflies when I am walking in the greenbelt. Bees are in danger at the moment. They must be supported. It affects our food chain. Greenbelt also stops flooding.

Crews Hill and the garden centers are known as the Golden Mile. It is unique and visitors come from far and wide to have a day out selecting plants and enjoying a meal in the area. You are removing the opportunity for people to come and spend money in the borough and support local and family businesses.

Please look outside the borough too. For example there is office space at Oakley Park to let. This is not far from Enfield so why build more units if places are standing empty. You must collaborate with other councils.

I object to land banking and this is exactly what is happening. The owners of vicarage farm have bought greenbelt land and sat on it until getting permission from Enfield Council to build on it in order to make money. They build Luxury homes as shown on their website comer homes and by their own admission. These homes will not be affordable and it has been admitted at one of your library drop in sessions that no affordable homes will be built on greenbelt land basically you just need the money to build affordable homes elsewhere. You are selling off Enfield's Crown jewels!

Also what percentage of Berkeley homes development in Trent Park was affordable housing?

2. I also object to Policies SA62 page 383 and SP CL4 pages 277-279 because they transfer part of Whitewebbs Park, a public amenity, into private management. I reject the Council's analysis that Whitewebbs Golf Course was losing money and call for its reinstatement.

3. I am also objecting to Policy SA52 page 372, which would remove part of Rammev Marsh, a wildlife area and public amenity, from the Green Belt.

4. 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 give my permission for you to share my views and make them public. I hope you can take my views into serious consideration, thank you

