

Enfield Local Plan consultation

Response to the Draft Local Plan Reg. 18 Consultation 2021

I am writing to very strongly object to any suggestion that the lungs of London i.e. the Green Belt should be built on ref policies SP PL10, pages 80-87, Fig 3.11, Policy SP PL9, pages 77-80 and Concept Plan Fig. 3-10 Policy SA45 p.364 SA54 page 374 SA62 page 383 and SP CL4 all of which are within the Green Belt.

This land was put in place to provide the much needed open spaces for the people of London and beyond, a need which has been dramatically proved during this pandemic. People are coming from all around to recover from their high density living to the point of photographing the fields.

It is imperative that solutions to the ever growing cancer of expanding London be found before we find ourselves joined in an urban sprawl with Barnet and Potters Bar, who in turn will find themselves joined to St Albans and finally Welwyn Garden City, both of which already have their building programmes.

Ultimately we need less people not more houses. Constant building outwards has never been the solution and never will be.

Brexit: These plans were drawn up pre Brexit which, we are led to believe, would allow us more control of our borders and has also resulted in an exodus of hospitality, lorry drivers and building trade workers etc.

I do not believe that either of these factors has been taken into consideration when this development plan for developers was produced.

Specifically: Area identified as HCI 5 ref. pages 27-29, sections 4.12. of the Chase Park Placemaking Study by Hyas Associates, bounded by William Covell Cl. and Spring Court Road.

'Chase Park': The areas outlined for are areas of great beauty and solace to the mind and greatly and increasingly used.

Crews Hill: is a great horticultural centre attracting people from far beyond Enfield, provides 'Local employment' and also acts as a great social meeting area.

This is nothing more than a money making machine for developers at the expense of local people. Even the development around Chase Farm has not all been sold and, whilst they may be well insulated, Solar Panels have been left to the individual to install.

Transport: Who on earth came up with the idea of scrapping 'Park & Ride' car parks at our underground railway stations. Again the arrogance of youth that all can walk, cycle, skate board to the stations. Sorry but we can't. For London to thrive, people need to go in from the suburbs and beyond both for business and pleasure and get home again at whatever late hour they require. In West Enfield it is two bus rides and/or a cab to reach the tube stations. Please, please can somebody come to their senses?

