

Strategic Planning and Design

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Dear Enfield Council

Response to the Draft Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation 2021

I am writing to object in connection with Enfield Council's proposals to destroy large swathes of Green Belt with a view to building further housing & other purposes.

Your proposed sites are all part of historic Enfield Chase which over many years have played an important role in the development of the Enfield area. 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, widely used by Enfield residents and others for exercise and relaxation and the physical & mental health attributes of the footpath would be destroyed by development. The farmland could be put back into productive use growing local food for existing residents of the area.

I was devastated to hear that Crews Hill which provides such pleasure to young & old in the Borough & beyond is within the remit to be destroyed by further housing development. It's garden centres and other businesses provide

employment for many people from Enfield & your proposals would be a very big loss.

Instead of losing Crews Hill to housing, it's horticultural activities should be encouraged and enhanced so that it can once again be a hub for food and plant production.

While I support housing development and support the ambition to meet Enfield's housing needs, I strongly object to the proposal to release Green Belt for housing or other purposes. I believe there are alternatives available to meet housing targets and that the Green Belt is a precious resource that should be protected and preserved for future generations. It is too valuable to lose for all the many environmental, ecological, economic, public health and many other reasons that have been identified, especially during the recent pandemic.

Enfield Council has a duty of care for the Green Belt, in accordance with the London Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), and any intentions to release parts of it should be taken out of the local plan.

The above objections response to the consultation are the views of myself a resident of the Enfield area for 51 years.

Yours faithfully