

'DRAFT LOCAL PLAN'

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Dear Councillors,

RE: I object to the following Policies: SP PL 9, SP PL10, DE6 &SA2

I am writing in response to the draft Enfield Local Plan for development for the period up to 2039. I wish to register my disagreement with the emerging New Local Plans proposal for house building on the Green Belt.

You may look at my address and think this is a case of NIMBY (Not in my backyard) but I can assure you it is not – I was born in North London in 1957 and have lived my whole life in many different Boroughs N10, N16, N22, N13, N14, N21 and EN2 all within North London. As a young child I can remember my Parents, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles talking of and appreciating the 'Green Belt' for its many benefits for all to enjoy - recreation, natural beauty, wildlife, escapism and openness, all within easy travel distance. I continue to share their view from way back then and fully appreciate that Green Belt continues to provide all these things plus a whole lot more important environmental aspects in respect of supporting wild-life, plant species, helping with water drain away (vitaly important with climate change & changes in weather patterns), the list can go on and on but I will end there as I trust the benefits are easy to see by any responsible environmentally aware person. These benefits are ongoing and essential but if the Green Belt is lost to development they will cease and never be regained. Surely a better way forward is to look at Brownfield and regeneration of developed areas which will already be serviced by good transport, easy walking distances for daily needs and basic amenities such as sewage, utilities, internet etc.

Crews Hill is a unique part of Enfield, a thriving horticultural area, with working farmland and a variety of many businesses that add to the UK GDP and provide employment across a wide age group. It has beautiful Footpath walks which are enjoyed by locals and many visitors to the area. I see lots of individuals/ small groups / organised walking clubs on a daily basis, hence providing lots of health benefits. The Garden Centres and other businesses are very popular and are visited by many people from outside the area, many of whom make a 'trip' out of their visit, often using the catering facilities that many provide. Thereby providing a social element for people to meet up and interact. Spring time and Christmas time are extremely busy times, with many more visitors to the area from far and wide which is good all round in respect of increased incomes for local businesses and taxes for the Government.

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Crews Hill is served by a railway station but rail is not the cheapest of transport and the line itself does not link directly up to a tube line until Finsbury Park, there is a bus with limited capacity, A Housing development here would increase the need for car journeys, thus adding to pollution and climate change problems. The local roads struggle sometimes now to cope with the volume of traffic especially if there is an incident on the M25 which can cause local gridlock.

I question how 'affordable' any new housing development in this area will actually be in respect to helping with the housing crisis, as in other local developments of late the percentage of 'affordable' has proved to be much lower than predicted and appears to financially benefit the developers rather than the people who really do need help in getting housing,

I also wish to register my disagreement with Policy SP PL9 – for the same environmental reasons as above. You will appreciate that as I am not a resident in that area I cannot comment on how their local businesses would be .

I wish to register my disagreement with Policy DE6 and SA2 – the building of high rise in Enfield Town. Enfield is an Historic Town with many beautiful aspects - green spaces, wonderful architecture, historic churches and buildings, quaint roads, an adequate and well used shopping centre, all enjoyed by many at the moment. The area would be totally overshadowed and spoilt by high rise development. Tall buildings cause problems with regard to cutting out light/sunlight and causing wind tunnels which all have a detrimental effect on quality of human life, wild life and plant life.

Please Enfield council – there must be other ways to accommodate the much needed new housing – Brownfield, regeneration, restoring buildings that have fallen into disrepair, recycling of derelict and other urban land

Protect our Green Belt, once gone we will never get it back.

Preserve it for our future generations that they may enjoy the benefits as we have done throughout our lives.

Yours Faithfully

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