

6th September 2021**RE: DRAFT LOCAL PLAN - OBJECTION**

Dear Councillors,

As you will be fully aware the Mayor's 'London Plan' does not allow building on Green Belt so by way of this Enfield Council is **completely ignoring** the 'London Plan' and failing to acknowledge the climate emergency we were only hearing about this month and London's desperate need to retain its valuable greenspaces. This is not just an issue that affects the people of Enfield and other neighbouring boroughs but the **WHOLE** of London and its health. The Green Belt has always been known as the 'Lungs of London' beneficial to all residents in trying to keep down emissions and store value carbon. At a stage where we now have registered causes of deaths of pollution you **CANNOT** allow building on the Green Belt.

I also add I am specifically writing to object 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 de-designation of Green Belt for housing and other purposes. These sites are part of historic Enfield Chase, which is unique in the southeast and played an important role in the development of Enfield. It is a rare and valuable landscape asset and its loss would cause permanent harm not only to the Green Belt, but also to the very character of the borough. 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. I am also objecting to Policy SA52 page 372, which would remove part of Rammey Marsh, a wildlife area and public amenity, from the Green Belt. I object 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 write to strongly urge you as elected representatives of the people of Enfield, to listen to your residents' views of the proposal to build on Vicarage Farm and at Crews Hill on **Green Belt** designated land. I am a 4th generation Enfield born, bred and still live in the best borough in London for its mix of town life, diversity of population but with the best green belt areas. The Green Belt cannot be allowed to be destroyed and built on during our 'watch' after many years of being enjoyed, protected and incredibly valued by the people of Enfield and the whole of London.

Please read more detailed and specific objections as set out below:

yet seen the full increases in traffic from the Chase Farm housing development including two new yet to open schools on the said same site

- No additional GP, hospital, schools, or leisure facilities in the Crews Hill area
- Loss of small businesses which are unique in the whole of north London that bring employment and revenue to the area and man visitors from the whole of north London
- Whitewebbs Golf Club was cited as closing due to other golf clubs being in the area (Crews Hill) which would close under the housing build proposals
- Loss of vital wildlife habitats, woodland, hedgerows, farm fields, meadowlands, open countryside and green spaces and mature tree soaking up the pollution and carbon from the ever saturated M25 in the locality
- **Increase in death** and serious illness of asthma and breathing difficulties due to the massive increase of vehicles
- Loss of recreational space – the footpaths were incredibly popular with walkers, cyclists and riders in the pandemic and continue to be so. Significant threat to health and wellbeing.

Building on the Green Belt at either sites above is **NOT** the answer to the housing problem and from the strength of opposition and of local opinion, the same people who gave you their vote to represent them.

Please understand the strength of feeling conveyed to you in the above and act in the strongest terms to save our Green Belt from hideous development and irreparable damage.

I would be grateful of a reply from you regarding the above matter.

Yours sincerely
Wendy Garrett