

Preserve the Green. Regenerate the Grey

We are fighting to save all of Enfield's Green Belt and promote affordable homes where people need them most.

A call to arms for the consultation. The battle continues.

Dear Supporters,

Last night Enfield Council voted along party lines to move the disastrous draft local plan on to the consultation phase. The Conservatives and Community First Councillors all voted against it but the entire Labour group of 38 voted for the plan - despite the thousands of emails that you and others sent to them in the past week. The meeting was frankly embarrassing with falsehoods allowed to stand unchallenged and no opportunity to engage in a meaningful debate about the issues.

The Labour group insist it's a choice between destroying the Green Belt, building skyscapers or leaving thousands of families living in substandard conditions. There are flaws all through their logic and we will push the alternatives in our consultation responses. If the Labour majority won't listen, we will present the facts to the Government Inspector when the time comes.

Enfield RoadWatch has always avoided being partisan, working with all parties as best we can - but unfortunately Labour have decided to make it political. The Labour Councillors need to understand that their constituents do not want to lose the Green Belt and that Councillors could lose their seats over this next May.

But first, the consultation. The one concession last night was that it will run for 12 weeks instead of 6. The start date will be June 20 or 21. Once we have seen the materials, we will email guidance, alert you via social media and post information on the website. We need to get as many people as possible to respond and you can help. [more details below]

Thank you for your continued support.

Professional skills needed

We already have some amazing people giving their time and expertise to the campaign, but we need more, please. If anyone has development expertise, such as conducting environmental impact assessments or Green Belt technical reviews, or if anyone has good contacts with national media, copywriting skills, or any other skill you could lend to this very good cause, please get in touch. We need your help!



A reminder of what's at stake

5,000 homes are proposed for Vicarage Farm, which stretches from Enfield Road to Hadley Road, and other land bordering the A10. This is an area of special character, on the migration route for pollinators and has been – and could be again – productive farmland. The 2018 Green Belt review showed it as solidly contributing to the Green Belt and it also has historic importance as part of Enfield Chase. We need to save it future generations.

Up to 7,500 homes are proposed for the wider area of Crews Hill right up to the M25. Goodbye garden centres, local businesses, jobs and the chance to bring back locally grown food to the area.

And there are additional Green Belt sites targeted for housing in Hadley Wood and along the A10 as well as some for logistics and industrial sites.

These losses would be tragic and are unnecessary. There are urban areas begging for the regeneration that would benefit many Enfield residents.



The Game Plan

We'll be emailing you more frequently over the next few weeks with information about the consultation and ways you can help. Please bear with us. It's important.

This is the most critical time for our campaign, so please read and share - our messages.

Here are ways you can help:

- We will be ordering banners and yard signs which we hope to spread all over the borough. If you have a good location for either of these and are happy to pay the £13 or £26 for a banner, depending on the size [2x4 or 3x4ft] or about £10 for a yard sign, please contact us at enfieldroadwatch@gmail.com.
- 2. Like our Instagram, Facebook and Twitter feeds and share them with **everyone**.
- 3. We are particularly keen to reach young people [whose future is at stake here] and people in the east of borough who may not have the same natural affinity to the Green Belt. Please send us your ideas.
- 4. If you live in a Ward with a Labour councillor, don't let up on them. Email and call and let them know repeatedly that this plan is not good for Enfield's residents and that there are better alternatives.
- Make a contribution. We need to pay for ads in the paper, printing fliers and much more. We will be setting up a crowd-funding platform but, for now, <u>Here's how.</u>
- 6. Once the consultation starts, look at our guidance and decide which way to respond. There are pros and cons with the various methods, which we will explain.
- 7. Everyone in your household can respond separately and please encourage your family and friends to respond too. Anyone who lives, works, studies or has an interest in Enfield may respond.

The online petition is going up by about 1,000 signatures every day. This demonstrates how angry residents are about the proposed local plan and loss of Green Belt. We are now over 28,000. You are not alone in wanting to stop the destruction of our Green Belt. If you haven't signed yet, please visit this <u>link</u> and share it with your friends and family too.

Together we are stronger. Thanks for your continued support.

Links to some of our partner organisations:

<u>The Enfield Society</u> <u>CPRE-London</u> <u>Enfield Climate Action Forum</u> <u>London Green Belt Council</u> <u>Better Homes Enfield</u>

Please stay in touch via our social media [buttons below] and keep up to date via our website. www.enfieldroadwatch.co.uk. If you haven't already signed, please join the thousands of people who have signed our <u>Change.org</u> petition. Go to: <u>Change.org</u> [then search for Protect Enfield]

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