



## Enfield RoadWatch

**We are fighting to save Enfield's Green Belt and to promote affordable homes on brownfield sites, where people need them most.**

**The revised local plan, released in December, is an even more targeted attack on the Green Belt. Read on to find out what you can do. Also, a new fundraiser to pay for the Whitewebbs judicial review is under way. Please help!**



Dear Supporters,

As we approach the Regulation 19 consultation, which is due to begin on March 7, we will be emailing you more frequently with information and ways you can help. Please bear with us. This is probably the most critical time in the campaign and we can all make a difference.

You joined our mailing list because you care about the Green Belt. Enfield RoadWatch and our allies have been fighting for nearly ten years to save this precious resource for future generations. But, despite the protests and high volume of responses to many consultations, Enfield Council is determined to go its own way and remove protection from a large area of the borough's Green Belt so it can be developed as housing and industrial sites. This includes the beautiful farmland of Vicarage Farm and all of Crews Hill, including the garden centres and golf course right up to the M25. Green Belt in Hadley Wood is also targeted as well as Holly Hill Farm where the Council proposes to build a logistics hub, while the former Whitewebbs Golf Course will become another football training camp.

**These sites do not need to be lost.** The Council is working against the wishes of the majority of residents, who do not want to build on the Green Belt when there are in fact alternatives that would be better for all Enfield's residents.

If you missed last week's newsletter you can read it [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support. Together we are stronger.

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### **What you can do now** **First - contact your ward councillors**

The Local Plan is currently in a pre-publication phase, which means it is available to view and read but not yet to comment on. [\[Link\]](#) The 12-week early view was earned by a very successful petition campaign last year. The main purpose of this phase is to make sure the councillors understand the plan before they vote on March 6. Councillors should hold ward forums to answer constituent questions or make information about the plan available in other ways. **Let's make sure they do that and don't just follow the party whip and vote on something they haven't read and don't understand!**

In addition, the evidence reports have been withheld until the council meeting, which means that neither the councillors nor residents can fully inform themselves about the plan. **We need to ask for that evidence to be released now or an extension of the upcoming consultation, so that everyone can digest it.**

Attached you will find a chart showing some of the impact on each ward. You can also view it [here](#). **Please contact your ward councillors and demand a ward forum.**

Here is some wording you can use.

*Dear [Councillor name]*

*I have many questions about the proposed local plan and would appreciate an opportunity to discuss it with you at a ward forum before you vote on the plan on March 6.*

*I am also concerned about the fact the evidence reports have not been made available during the pre-publication phase. A comprehensive understanding of*

*the Plan necessitates councillors' and residents' review of this evidence base.*

*Should publication of these reports prove challenging, I kindly request an extension of the Regulation 19 consultation period from 6 weeks to 12 weeks. This additional time would allow for a thorough examination of the new evidence, which may be quite extensive.*

*[Your name]*

And here are suggested questions you can ask at the ward forum. You may have many more. Your councillors should know the answers.

- \* How many more additional people will be living in our ward based on this plan?
- \* Where will the new parks and greenspaces be in our ward to help support this increase?
- \* How many homes will be demolished to make space for new homes?
- \* What proportion of the new homes in our ward will be affordable family sized homes?
- \* What impact will this have on air pollution caused by increase traffic and congestion?
- \* How tall will the buildings be?
- \* Will any of the existing green space be lost?
- \* How many new jobs will be created in our ward?

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## Second - write to the mayoral and GLA candidates

There will be a London Mayoral election on May 2 this year. The London Plan, which sits as policy between Enfield's plan and the National Planning Policy Framework [NPPF], is critical to the success or failure of the council's plan. Currently they are not in compliance with the London Plan and the present Mayor, Sadiq Khan, has consistently objected to the proposed loss of Green Belt. We understand he is standing firm on that, but it would be a good idea to write to all the Mayoral candidates and to the candidates vying to be Enfield's Greater London Authority [GLA] representative asking for a firm commitment that they will a) object to Enfield's proposals for Chase Park and Crews Hill during the upcoming Regulation 19 consultation and b) if elected use their powers to block the developments. You can see what we wrote [here](#). We are providing their email addresses below:

### Mayoral candidates

Sadiq Khan [Labour] [mayor@london.gov.uk](mailto:mayor@london.gov.uk)  
Susan Hall [Conservative] [susan.hall@london.gov.uk](mailto:susan.hall@london.gov.uk)  
Rob Blackie [Lib Dem] [rob@robblackie.com](mailto:rob@robblackie.com)  
Zoe Garbett [Green] [Zoe.garbett@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:Zoe.garbett@hackney.gov.uk)

### GLA candidates

[Labour - incumbent] [loanne.McCartney@london.gov.uk](mailto:loanne.McCartney@london.gov.uk)  
[Conservative] Calum McGillivray [office@enfieldnorth.org](mailto:office@enfieldnorth.org)  
[Lib Dem] Guy Russo [guy.russo@enfieldlibdems.org.uk](mailto:guy.russo@enfieldlibdems.org.uk)  
[Green] Katie Knight [contact@enfieldgreens.org.uk](mailto:contact@enfieldgreens.org.uk)

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## Other useful information

The Enfield Society website has more details about the policies, maps of the Green Belt sites under threat and a section on the history of Enfield Chase.



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. And make your neighbours aware.**

Here are other ways you can help:

1. Like our Instagram, Facebook and Twitter feeds and share them with **everyone**.
2. We are particularly keen to reach young people [whose future will be greatly impacted by all of this] and people in the east of borough who may not have the same natural affinity to the Green Belt. Please send us your ideas.
3. 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. Urge them to vote **NO** at the full council meeting on March 6th.
4. Make a contribution. We need to pay for expert advice, printing leaflets and much more. [Here's how](#).

5. Volunteer your professional skills to the campaign.

The online petition is still going up steadily. We are now over **38,490**. You are not alone in wanting to stop the destruction of our Green Belt. If you haven't signed yet, please visit this [link](#) 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:**

[The Enfield Society](#)  
[CPRE-London](#)  
[Enfield Climate Action Forum](#)  
[London Green Belt Council](#)  
[Better Homes Enfield](#)

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

**Thanks for your continued support.**



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