

Dear [candidate name]

Enfield RoadWatch is Enfield's Green Belt protection campaign. We have several thousand followers and work in alliance with a number of other civic groups, all with the same goals.

As the Mayoral/ GLA election approaches, many voters in Enfield are trying to decide who should get their support.

As you'll be aware, the borough is in the process of revising its Local Plan and the Regulation 19 consultation will begin on March 7. Through a very successful campaign we were able to negotiate a 12-week pre-publication phase so that councillors and residents could properly understand the changes that are proposed and how they will effectively alter the character of the borough forever. At the Regulation 18 stage, over 7,000 people responded, the majority against the proposed changes – but the council has charged ahead with its own agenda. The power of the Mayor, the London Plan and the GLA could be all-important in preventing a disaster.

What's at stake? The Council has inflated its housing target way above those set out in the London Plan, and is using the target to justify de-designating two large and several smaller areas of Green Belt for development. What they are calling Chase Park – known locally as Vicarage Farm – is the last remaining part of the historic Enfield Chase and it should be preserved for its landscape heritage, let alone all the environmental, medical and other green space benefits it provides. Crews Hill, known nationally for its horticultural heritage its numerous garden centres and historic golf course, will be wiped out to create a new settlement. Essentially the council proposes to carve a large chunk out of the middle of Green Belt right up to the M25.

The council could meet even the increased housing target on brownfield land, but is choosing to ignore some viable brownfield sites in favour of developing the Green Belt.

We are asking you for two commitments, please:

1. As a candidate submit an objection to the proposals during the Regulation 19 consultation
2. If elected, use your power and influence to block the proposals, which are not compliant with the London Plan.

The current Mayor objected to the plan at the Regulation 18 stage and we understand will object again.

Any responses from candidates, will be put on the Enfield RoadWatch website and Facebook page to help voters make their decisions in the May election.

We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

Regards