



## Enfield RoadWatch

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

**Building a 21,000 home New Town on Enfield's countryside will not solve the affordable housing crisis. There are better solutions!**

Dear Supporters

Happy New Year! We hope you have had an enjoyable holiday season and that 2026 will be a good year for you. It's time to review the campaign's work in 2025 and to look forward to the year ahead, which presents even more challenges for Enfield's countryside.

Please share whatever we send you and encourage others to join our mailing list.

Thanks, as always for your support. Together we are stronger.

Ian D'Souza  
Chair

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### Enfield's proposed 'new town'

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The Government's New Towns Taskforce, in collusion with Enfield Council and the Mayor of London, has chosen Enfield's countryside as one of their top three choices for a 21,000 home New Town. What does this mean?

- One third [about 884 hectares] of Enfield's beautiful rolling Green Belt, with its farms and parks, home to wildlife and rich in heritage, will become a high-density new town - with very little input from existing residents.
- Crews Hill as we know it, with its popular garden centres and interesting mix of businesses - a key employment centre for the borough - will disappear.
- Suburban Western Enfield will be changed into an extensive urban area - a radical change of historical and local character.
- Existing residents will be subject to at least a decade of high-volume construction on their doorsteps.

We acknowledge that London has a housing crisis, but we do not believe that developing a new town on Enfield's countryside is a viable solution to London's urgent need for affordable housing, especially in the short term.

Instead of destroying Enfield's valuable and irreplaceable countryside, the 'lungs of London', the Mayor of London and the New Towns Taskforce should grasp the opportunity to invest in regeneration and urban renewal across parts of Enfield where there is an urgent need for local, affordable homes, sustainable jobs, green space and breathable air. These areas also offer the brownfield sites and infrastructure necessary to achieve quick results.

There is **no** democratic mandate for developing Enfield's countryside when there are alternative solutions to the housing crisis.



## The 'new town' campaign

Enfield RoadWatch is collaborating with several other local groups under the name [Action for Enfield's Future](#) to fight the new town proposal. This battle is as much political as it is about planning, so we have created a separate unified campaign. Enfield RoadWatch will still keep you informed, but please also sign up to the AfEF campaign by visiting the new [website](#), where you can find additional information. And please spread the word.

Action for Enfield's Future

## What you can do now

We suggest voicing your opposition to your [local MP](#) [Use the link to find out who they are and their email address] and [Joanne McCartney](#), your GLA [Greater London Authority] member. They are all Labour. This New Town development was suggested by a Labour Council to the Labour Government with the approval of the Labour Mayor of London. Whatever your personal politics, if you disagree with what they are proposing, let them know. Say No! to the New Towns and Yes! to saving Enfield's Green Belt. For more information about what and how to write to your MP please click [here](#).

If you have time, please book a face-to-face meeting with your MP at one of their local surgeries. Going as a small group of concerned residents or a family would have even more impact. You have to pre-book a slot by calling: Feryal Clark 020 8804 4543; Bambos Charalambous 020 8882 0088. For Kate Osamor's surgeries you need to email: [edmontonconstituency@parliament.uk](mailto:edmontonconstituency@parliament.uk). And please report back to us how it goes.

Express your disapproval to the [Mayor of London](#) as well. You can find guidance [here](#).

## Local Plan update



2025 was punctuated by the three stages of the Local Plan Examination hearings, in which we took part, along with several of our partner organisations. Thanks to some expert advice, we believe we made some solid arguments against the Council's allocation of Green Belt sites for housing and other development. Because of when the local plan process began, it is being examined under the 2023 National Planning Policy Framework [NPPF] and the current London Plan, both of which are supportive of Green Belt. However, policy has moved on and it remains to be seen how much weight the Inspector will give to new policies in his final report, which we expect early in 2026. We will let you know as soon as the report is released. Any major changes to the proposed plan - 'major modifications' - will have to go out for consultation, so we will inform you about that too.

## The new National Planning Policy Framework [NPPF]

The Government is currently [consulting](#) on a revised NPPF, which will guide planning decisions everywhere once it comes into effect later this year. It is part of their manifesto pledge to simplify the planning process and speed up the construction of the 1.5 million homes they have promised. We share the concerns expressed by [CPRE, the Countryside Charity](#), in particular with regard to the definition of 'grey belt', which could lead to the destruction of countryside while brownfield sites are ignored. We are also concerned about the drive towards suburban densification, especially around stations, which would impact a large area of Enfield. We are preparing a consultation response, which we will post on the [website](#) well before the March 10, 2026 deadline.

### Links to some of our partner organisations:

[The Enfield Society](#)  
[CPRE-London](#)  
[Enfield Climate Action Forum](#)  
[London Green Belt Council](#)  
[Better Homes Enfield](#)  
[Enfield Borough Over 50s Forum](#)

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]

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