

National Day of Action
for
Nature, Parks and
Green Spaces
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Dear Prime Minister

Crews Hill & Chase Park New Town (CH&CP NT)

You will have received a lot of correspondence on the 18 April National Day of Action for nature, parks and green spaces. **But this letter is about your government's support for Crews Hill & Chase Park New Town (CH&CP NT)**, which I find inexplicable because you have presented no evidence to justify a proposal which is being bulldozed through without scrutiny.

CH&CP NT is, uniquely, on Green Belt land. 800+ Ha of rolling countryside: farms, woodland, valleys and vales spanned by an imposing Ridgeway. A vast green space described, erroneously, in the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) as "*a combination of relatively flat urban land and arable fields with the A1005 (Enfield Ridgeway) intersecting through the centre.*" A surprising error given that SEA authors, WSP UK Limited, wrote Enfield Council's [Local Plan Transport Topic Paper](#).

As former Head of the Crown Prosecution Service, you respect evidence, honest facts and transparency. This misrepresentation is one of many being used to justify siting a New Town in the wrong place, avoiding objective analysis of the many plausible brownfield alternatives. "Brownfield First" policy has widespread political and public support. I don't understand why it is being ignored.

The efforts of Enfield RoadWatch have shown me that we can't believe what we're told because "**Seeing is Believing.**" So, I've seen for myself the countryside, the limitations of public transport (the site is **not** "well connected"), the vibrant businesses that will be destroyed with hundreds of irreplaceable job losses: skilled jobs in horticulture, equestrian services, animal husbandry, landscaping, gardening. The often-independent, family, businesses serve tens of thousands of visitors from London and the Home Counties. Crews Hill "Golden Mile" is commercially successful, an asset to Enfield. Perhaps you've been there yourself?

It was shocking to discover that Steve Reed, Secretary of State for housing, admitted last week that he'd not visited the site of this New Town. It's not that far from Westminster. If this is "*part of the most ambitious housebuilding programme in more than half a century*", **which I applaud**, you'd expect that he'd want to get it right.

Enfield Council refused to provide the proposal it submitted to the New Towns Task Force (NTTF) for the London Assembly investigation into New Towns in London, while its Leader misleadingly seeks to persuade us that CH&CP NT is being built on "*car parks, garages and golf courses.*"

The NTTF concluded that "*the proposed new town in Enfield is a strong and exciting proposition that could lead the way in sustainable **Green Belt development.***" Prime Minister, is this a precedent or a risky experiment?

Greenfield land is for food at a time when food security is uppermost; for nature when the UK is one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world; for conserving water in a city where water resources are already stretched, and for green cooling effect to mitigate urban heat risk.

Please urge Enfield Council to get a grip of the housing crisis using every means at its disposal to provide homes for people who desperately need them, now. Build out Meridian Water, use the many other brownfield sites or 4500 empty homes or outstanding planning permissions instead of green countryside.

As our Prime Minister, you are the one person who can withdraw this reckless, irreversible proposal. New Towns are for Placemaking, you should not be Placebreaking.

Yours sincerely