



## Fighting for Enfield's countryside and for affordable homes in the right places

12 May 2026

Dear Councillors,

I wanted to offer my warm congratulations on your success in the recent local elections. It was clear throughout the campaign that many residents connected strongly with your message, and the vote share reflects the trust and confidence placed in you across the borough.

As you may know, Enfield RoadWatch is a long-established group formed in 2015, and we now have more than 3,000 supporters. For many years we have worked to protect Enfield's green spaces, its Green Belt, and the unique character of areas such as Crews Hill. Our role has always been to keep residents informed, to promote transparency in decision-making, and to stand up for the natural and rural landscapes that mean so much to our community.

During this election, one issue came through more strongly than any other: the protection of the Green Belt. Your manifesto commitments on this were clear, and they were repeatedly welcomed by residents during our own conversations, events, and the thousands of interactions we and our volunteers had across the borough. Many people told us they felt reassured by your pledges to defend the Green Belt, oppose development at Whitewebbs and Crews Hill, prioritise brownfield land for new housing, and expand and protect access to nature.

Enfield RoadWatch is a non-political community group, and we are very conscious that many of our supporters voted tactically in this election, not out of loyalty to any party, but because they wanted to support candidates who committed to protecting, the countryside, and the future of Crews Hill. We believe that is the context in which many residents made their decisions, and it reflects the strength of feeling across the borough on these issues.

Of course, the biggest threat to Enfield's Green Belt remains the government's proposal for a 21,000-home New Town — a plan that continues to cause deep concern. In light of this, we look forward to seeing your commitments put into practice and we will continue to advocate for the protection of the Green Belt, the

garden centres at Crews Hill, and Whitewebbs Park, and we hope to work constructively with you to ensure that the promises made to residents are honoured.

The Conservatives have been clear in their manifesto that protecting the Green Belt is their top priority. Enfield RoadWatch believes there is real value in constructive collaboration between yourselves and the Conservatives. On many local issues, particularly around planning, land use, and the protection of green spaces, the Conservative group's position aligns closely with your own and with the concerns of many residents. We hope that, where appropriate, you will be able to work together in the interests of safeguarding Enfield's environment and rural character.

Once again, congratulations on your achievement. We wish you every success in your new roles and look forward to positive and constructive engagement in the months ahead.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'IAN D'SOUZA', written over a stylized, abstract graphic element that resembles a flower or a series of overlapping loops.

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