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The cycle lanes have made congestion worse, pollution has gone-up as cars cannot pass buses at bus stops, the road is too narrow! Ambulances and the fire engines take longer to get to their emergencies in this Borough than any other London Borough etc.!

Many more people now suffer from asthma as a result of the above. We NEED OUR GREEN BELT so there is somewhere for us to go to breath FRESH AIR . GREEN BELT MUST NOT BE BUILT ON.

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Building these new homes would also require sufficient infrastructure to cope with the extra burden and this will further damage the surrounding area with the creation of more roads, traffic and congestion.

The Green Belt must be kept for current and future generations to enjoy, learn and promote a healthy lifestyle for residents. Furthermore, the current area employs 100's of people so by closing these businesses you'll have a direct negative impact of the local economy which given the current climate is an impact the borough can ill afford.

We are exceptionally privileged to have this wonderful area in the borough and as such must be kept as is.

Once again, I am totally opposed to the proposed plan to build new homes on the Enfield Green Belt land.

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I wish to comment on the Enfield draft local plan. Incidentally, as you ask for page numbers to be quoted, it would have helped if they could have been clearly shown on every page instead of only some!

Page 19, Q13a

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Page 21, Q14c

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Page 21, Q14f

The council's current policy of allowing huge events in Trent Park is not working. While much-needed revenue can be earned from them, the clear-up afterwards is not being properly carried out and this needs to be enforced.

Page 21, Q14g

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*THINK BIG or NOT AT ALL*

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Broadly speaking the issue is more whether there are sufficient resources to deliver these statements of good intent.

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Q3 - a) Too many in relation to stations. I do not support potential high rise buildings around Crews Hill, Oakwood and Palmers Green. The surrounding areas are predominately rural/suburban in nature.

b) Resisting the pressure would help.

c) See last item.

d) No.

e) Probably high rise on a substantial scale is the only answer. That means Enfield would need to

compulsorily acquire land around transport nodes.

Q4 - a) Yes; people need more to enrich their lives than a place to work and sleep.

b) Yes.

c) A lot; I would like to see Enfield be more demanding in terms of good design.

d) Just the resources and intent to deliver the current and proposed heritage strategies.

e) Section 106 funding a vehicle to contribute towards heritage objectives.

f) About right; it's all about resources and intent behind the policies.

Q5 - a) Yes; there then needs to be a further debate relating to location specifics.

b) No; some residential developments are already no more than the proverbial rabbit hutches.

c) Yes.

Q6 - a) 50% on developments over 10 units.

b) This question has deep seated social implications. Probably together but it's difficult.

c) You cannot expect the general public to advise on this inherently technical question.

Q7 - a) Most older people, in reasonable health, do not want to live in reduced accommodation probably too close to neighbours and without sufficient amenity provision.

b) Separately.

c) Shops and services.

Q8 - Unsure of the relevance of this question.

Q9 - Much would depend as to how they act on their current sites.

Q10 - a) Prioritise higher paying jobs.

b) Yes; providing they long term residents of the Borough.

c) Insufficient detail provided on the locations yet a specific answer is being sought.

d) Refer to C.

Q11 - a) What is meant by non retail uses and greater investment.

b) Yes- They are the establishments that have already been located to out of town areas (e.g. A10 retail park) such as cinemas, non alcoholic places of entertainment, restaurants etc.

c) First of all get rid of centre location car parking charges, give business rate relief for marginally profitable start ups, approach landlords for rent alleviation and appoint commercially minded town centre managers with a freedom to negotiate.

d) Sort out c above first and the detail will resolve itself.

Q12 - a) Yes; policies that would resist out of town location for such entertainment facilities e.g. Retail/entertainment area (both sides of the A10) that has denuded Enfield Town.

b) Definitely.

Q13 - a) Primarily libraries and meeting places such as Park Avenue Day Centre and the like. Enfield has no business being in the entertainment field no matter how well meaning.

b) From very recent experience a third fully operational hospital with a comprehensive A&E would be useful.

c) No

d) Schools are already serving as an out of teaching hours community service. It is difficult to see what other infrastructure would lend itself to multi purpose use.

Q14 - a) Yes

b) No

c) Yes

d) No

- e) Yes
- f) Those requiring physical exercise.
- g) None; it's down to the individual
- h) I do not know what the question means.

Q15 - a) No; the car is here to stay.

- b) Far too technical a question for a general member of the public to respond to.
- c) More frequency on the Enfield Town to Liverpool Street station line.
- d) None.
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Q16 - a) Question too technical for a general member of the public.

- b) Just build houses properly. Build cheaply build twice.
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Although I don't live in Enfield, until recently I worked at Chase Farm Hospital & I'm a regular to the Crews Hill garden centres. I ~~urge~~ urge you not to build on Enfield's green belt.   
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No To BUILDING ON GREEN BELT !!

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To whom it may concern

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The best of both worlds!

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Dear Sir / Madam, please take time to  
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We are a homeowner and resident in Enfield. We are submitting our consultation response to the proposed development as part of the Draft New Local Plan 2036. For the purposes of clarity this response refers specifically to the development of a high rise structure on the existing Ross House Site (Figure 7.2 p130, site 21, Ross House).

We are a family with two young children and have owned and happily lived in our property for 12 years. During this time we have benefited from its close proximity to the town complimented by the quiet and private residential setting, we chose our home on this basis. The boundary of our home directly adjoins that of Ross house and this proximity means that we are amongst those most affected by the proposed development.

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## Summary

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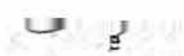
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- Provision of large, free car parks at parks and leisure centres should be reviewed and incentives offered for not arriving by car, e.g. discounted entry.
- The challenge of changing attitudes and getting parents & grandparents to stop driving children to school should be included. In a suburban area schools are mostly within cycling and walking distance.
- There needs to be a comprehensive programme of publicity and health education towards children (pester power), parents and grandparents to promote a cultural and behavioural change towards active, sustainable travel.
- EBikes should be included in dockless hire schemes and Lime have just launched in London. These are particularly useful in hilly parts of outer London and for older and less able cyclists.

b) Yes

c) Installation of electronic display boards at more bus stops to encourage greater use of the bus network.

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d) Encourage last mile delivery by cargo bike.

e)

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- Improve the A10 cycle route

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We write in response to the council's Local Plan to voice our concerns about some of the plan's proposals.

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We have a series of objections to these proposals:

Impact on traffic & environment: Traffic on the Windmill Hill crossroads with Chase Side & Old Park Avenue is notoriously congested. We believe that the proposed developments on sites 19, 20 and 21 will only add to congestion and pollution in the area.

There are several protected trees immediately behind the current Ross House; we are concerned they will be removed, which will impact the local wildlife.

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It is a much valued and enjoyed part of Enfield life with people coming from far and wide to visit the vast array of nurseries on offer.

I am sure there are alternatives to removing and building on this well loved area.

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I oppose the ideal of intensification at Merryhills Court, N14 4AY. It will not be good for ;

!, The quality of existing residents,

2. Increased pollution,

3. Increase of traffic, congestion, and parking which is a big problem even now.

4. Additional noise,

5. Increased burden on existing local public services, health, schools etc.

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The idea of there being the possibility of having additional floor added to the block feels me with dread.

We already have some problems, first with the parking area which is congested

The bin compound is a complete mess

The quality of live needs serious consideration

I am sure there are other sites available like the Broomfield site also the vacant commercial premises situated on the high street in the town in the borough which could be a first step in meeting the housing shortage

I am very much involve in the residential association and am very concern about keeping this area a pleasant place to live in.

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Local people are fed up with the council giving in to firms who lobby Councillors for financial gain, whilst allowing the Town and surrounding shops to go to waste. It's all a result of terrible planning and worse. People don't want the damage that you propose. We have urban decay, please make the urban areas work and don't pick on the green areas. Of course a developer would like Crews Hill, a good train station straight into The City, near the M25 junctions too. It's an outrage that these leaches are tolerated. It feels corrupt.

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F A O: Enfield Road Watch

I hope it is 'better later than never' to our support,

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1. The impact on the existing resident's parking and ease of access to their properties is a concern. As a cul-de-sac on the edge of a town, at a significant junction, the proposal will bring in many more cars, and visitors will have a significant impact on the exiting residents, including the ability to park, and increased noise levels and heightened risk of crime – will the council invest in more policing to resource the increased population?

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### **Design Excellence**

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My responses to the consultation questions below reflect my beliefs that there are alternatives available to meet housing targets and that the **Green Belt is a precious resource that should be protected and preserved for future generations.**

Also, as my representative in local government you should appreciate and listen to my views.

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4. Enfield's Strategic Industrial Locations [SIL] need to be masterplanned so that areas closest to public transport can be released for mixed use development, while other areas can be intensified through stacking or better land-use, with no loss of employment.

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The Green Belt is too valuable to lose for all the many environmental, ecological, economic, public health and other reasons that have been identified. The Council has a duty of care for the Green Belt, in accordance with the London Plan and the NPPF, and any intentions to release parts of it should be taken out of the local plan.

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I live beside North London Recreational Ground, a green space, where children exercise and play outdoors, where older people walk their dogs and talk to each other, where the trees provide clean oxygenated air.

Green spaces are valuable, and life enhancing, beyond money.

Regards

continued once they are gone, they will be gone forever.



There is another side to this, the opposite side of the coin, if you like. Many empty buildings, because they are not used, or lived in, deteriorate, become dilapidated; - eyesores, in fact.

There are three in the immediate vicinity, ~~say~~ <sup>say</sup> four. Three are definitely eyesores.

I am happy to help you to identify others, if you are short of time or resources.

