
Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for this opportunity to express my views about the Local Draft Plan for Enfield.
Can I make two points:

1) SA62 page 383 & SP CL4 pages 277–279

I object to the likely granting of a lease to THFC to take over the Whitewebbs golf course and surrounding woodland on the following Draft Local Plan criteria:

12.4.3 says this:

Levels of physical activity and active sport participation in the Borough are increasing but remain below the London average, especially among lower social economic groups.

The current golf course is the only course in the borough affordable by working class people and has been used by us for decades. Removing it and replacing it with an 'elite academy' for women's football surrounded by fences and security guards (the same guards that currently patrol public footpaths around the THFC training ground area) will deny people from lower social economic groups, especially middle-aged men and women, access to sport, exercise, fresh air and all the mental and physical benefits that come with that. Removing the golf course contravenes Draft Local Plan criteria.

Also Section 12.4.1 says this:

*Located within easy reach of the open countryside and central London, Enfield offers unrivalled access to sporting attractions, including: **golf courses (e.g. Whitewebbs Park).***

If, as the document says, the golf course is important to the strategic overview, then why is it being removed?

2) Enfield has declared a Climate Emergency. Concreting over large areas of carbon-capturing countryside is clearly not the appropriate response to such an emergency. And the tokenistic planting of 500 street trees is no compensation.

Thank you