



Consultation on a New Plan for Enfield 2017-2032

Consultation Summary

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1.0 Consultation on a New Plan for Enfield 2017-2032

- 1.1 Enfield has started the process of updating its Local Plan, an important document for shaping the future of the borough. Producing a plan involves evidence gathering, consultation and formal examination by a planning inspector before it can be adopted.
- 1.2 Last year the Council prepared the document 'Consultation on a New Plan for Enfield 2017-2032', which raised major issues for the borough including on housing, jobs and community facilities. It also set out a series of options for how the borough could grow and develop.
- 1.3 This first stage Local Plan document underwent public consultation between Friday 18 December and Friday 12 February 2016. The consultation sought views on the Local Plan options and asked for respondents to set out their alternative ideas. The consultation also included a call for sites, requesting submission of locations for development.

2.0 Approaches to Consultation

- 2.1 The Council used a wide range of media, events and meetings to inform individuals and organisations about the Local Plan and seek comments.
- 2.2 The Council's website supported the consultation through a dedicated webpage, including a link to a PDF copy of the consultation document and a link to the online survey.
- 2.3 Notification was made at the start of the consultation to a wide range of individuals and organisation by email and letter. Local MPs were informed by letter, and all Enfield Council Members were informed via the regular weekly e-newsletter.
- 2.4 Printed copies of the Local Plan document, along with packs of flyers, were provided in the Council's Civic Centre on Silver Street and in the borough's libraries.
- 2.5 Articles were carried in the local media in advance of the consultation, including in the Enfield Independent and Enfield Gazette newspapers on 4th November 2015.
- 2.6 A series of pre-publicised, open events were held in Enfield's libraries for members of the public to discuss the Local Plan consultation with Council Officers and to provide feedback. The dates and locations of these drop-in events are shown in the table below.

Event	Date
Enfield Town Library	7 th Jan2016
Palmers Green Library	14 th Jan 2016
Edmonton Green Library	21 st Jan 2016
Ordnance Unity Centre	28 th Jan2016
Enfield Town Dugdale Centre (weekend)	30 th Jan 2016
Palmers Green Library (evening)	2 nd Feb 2016

- 2.7 An extensive series of stakeholder meetings was undertaken for the consultation, including with Enfield's Youth Parliament, business groups, the Older People Partnership Board, neighbouring boroughs, and area-based boards and forums.

3.0 Results of the Consultation

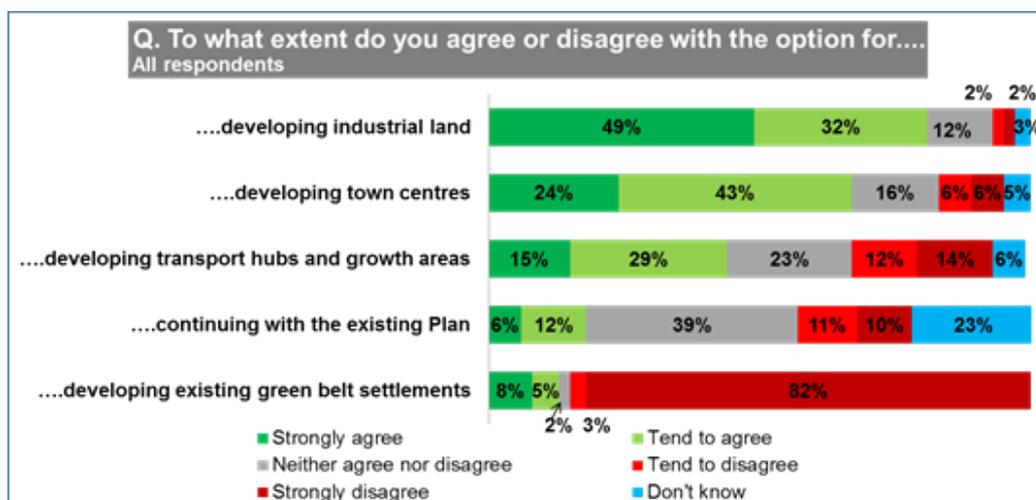
3.1 A total of 1,012 consultation responses were received. The majority (915) were submitted via the online survey, with other responses submitted via email, letters, and paper copy surveys. Details of the respondents profile are set out in Section 5.

3.2 The high level of interest in the consultation took place in the context of a planning application received by the Council in 2015 for a site at Enfield Road, proposing a school and housing on an area of green belt land. The application mobilised very significant local opposition on the Enfield Road site in particular, and around issues of green belt development in general.

3.3 The Local Plan consultation document suggested five main scenarios for how growth could be accommodated in Enfield over the coming years:

- Develop Town Centres
- Develop at Transport Hubs and Growth Areas
- Develop at Existing Green Belt Settlements
- Develop Industrial Land
- Continue with Existing Plan

3.4 Respondents could select up to three options. Analysis of the responses shows some high-level outcomes and themes: a preference for developing industrial land (87%), followed by developing at town centres (60%), developing at transport hubs and growth areas (37%), developing at existing green belt settlements (12%), and to continue with the existing local plan (11%). Further questions were asked to provide insight to the strength of opinion on the each scenario. The results can be seen in the following table.



Respondents could also make detailed comments and suggestions on the challenges faced by the borough, set out a vision for Enfield's future, and consider the options or propose alternative options.

Overall, the comments included a preference for development on brownfield land, with development in the borough's eastern industrial areas also receiving considerable support. Intensification of town centres was seen positively by some, although balanced with concern about overcrowding and high rise development.

Building quality and mix were a concern for many, with a desire for high quality developments, affordability, and meeting the needs of families, older people, those with disabilities, young single people, and key workers. Protecting the character of the borough was a concern. The quality of retail and vibrancy of town centres is also seen as an issue.

Transport issues were frequently raised, including of road congestion. The need to change travel behaviour was referenced, including improved public transport and support for cycling and pedestrians. There were comments both supportive and opposed to the Cycle Enfield scheme.

Protection of green belt land and open spaces received high levels of support, partly balanced by some views which supported development on some green spaces.

A number of respondents expressed concern over increasing population, with some holding the view that the borough should not undergo any significant further development, with growth directed to other parts of London or nationally.

4.0 Next Steps

- 4.1 Work is now underway on the Issue and Options stage of the Local Plan which will provide detailed options on the planning choices. The document will undergo public consultation and provide you with the opportunity for comment. An accompanying consultation document will set out the main issues raised in the consultation of December 2015-February 2016, and the Council's response to these issues.
- 4.2 The sites suggested as part of the Call for Sites during the consultation will feed into the technical evidence on land availability to support the ongoing Local Plan work.
- 4.3 If you would like to be kept up to date with Enfield's Local Plan preparation and future consultations you can do so by registering your contact details with us by emailing us or contacting the Local Plans Team directly on 020 8379 3866.

5.0 Respondent Profile

- 5.1 Based on those who answered these questions a summary of the respondent profile showed the following:
- **Gender:** 51% female and 42% male respondents, with 7% preferring not to say;
 - **Age:** 23% aged 40-49, 21% 50-59, 19% 60-69, 10% 30-39, 10% over the age of 70, 5% under the age of 30 and 13% preferring not to say;
 - **Ethnicity:** 68% white British and Irish; 3% Greek Cypriot, 13% other ethnic backgrounds, and 15% preferring not to say;
 - **Religion:** Christian 47%; no religion 11%; agnostic 6%, other religions/ belief 11%, and 25% preferring not to say.
- 5.2 The profile suggests that more needs to be done to ensure that responses relate better to the borough's population profile. It will be important to ensure that young people and a broader range of ethnic groups are represented in feedback on Enfield's future plans.