

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR CALL IN

Reasons for Call In:

1. Statistical basis of draft new London Plan and central Government's not explained and questionable

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A Regulation 18 Development Plan Document does not at this stage need to confirm a housing target, but rather this is to be provided through robust local evidence and as the Local Plan progresses. At an Issues & Options stage the document acknowledges the variance in new homes targets for Enfield at both a regional and national level. Up until now there has been no standard way to assess housing need, which has led to these differences.

The revised new NPPF (July 2018) has now established a national standard methodology to assess housing need. The borough will be using this methodology once it is available as part of the Local Plan evidence work and it will be through the Local Plan process to evidence and justify Enfield's future housing target for the life of the plan period.

2. Local Plans must be in general conformity with the London Plan. The Policies regarding Green Belt release included in this draft Local Plan would not be in general conformity with the London Plan.

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This Regulation 18 document represents the first of two formal stages of public consultation before it is then submitted for independent examination. This Issues & Options stage of the Local Plan is not at this point subject to general conformity with the current nor the draft London Plan, the latter of which is under examination. The Mayor's opinion on conformity will be sought at Regulation 19 Proposed Submission Stage.

National planning policy indicates the council must plan to meet objectively assessed housing. Consequently, the consideration of all options will help the council identify sufficient housing land and supply to provide for its need and add significantly to capacity and help demonstrate that the Council is doing everything it can to meet demand.

At this stage, the Council has not come to a view about which strategy (or strategies) is the most appropriate. This consultation seeks the views of residents and stakeholders before coming to a decision.

3. **There is no requirement to undertake a Green Belt Review under policies contained within the London Plan, so therefore this should not be included.**

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A new Enfield Local Plan is indeed an opportunity to undertake for the first time a proper and comprehensive review of the borough's Green Belt and is entirely in accordance with national planning policy and will form an important piece of evidence work integral to the Local Plan process.

4. Fails to go into detail regarding housing growth in Crews Hill and also fails to put forward reasons why building on Crews Hill could be defined as coming under exceptional circumstances. There are no exceptional circumstances in Enfield, questions why is this relaxation being proposed?

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The consideration of all options will help the council identify sufficient housing land and supply to provide for its need and add significantly to capacity and help demonstrate that the Council is doing everything it can to meet delivery.

At this stage, the Council has not come to a view about which strategy (or strategies) is the most appropriate. This consultation seeks the views of residents and stakeholders before coming to a decision.

5. Tall buildings making a crucial positive contribution to good urban design, as well as enabling densities and supporting scheme viability. Should make it clear to allow tall buildings in town centres and adjacent to local tube and railway stations – this point should be made clear in the draft Local Plan for consultation, particularly in Section 7: Planning for vibrant town centres

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Recognition to the positive contribution that can be made by well-designed and located tall buildings is given in Chapter 4: Design and tall buildings.