



THE FRIENDS OF TRENT COUNTRY PARK

Spring 2024 Newsletter

Dear Friends

The main purpose of this newsletter is to make sure you know about the **current Local Plan consultation. The plan includes disposal of large tracts of Green Belt for development.** The proposals are shocking and will change western Enfield forever. It's known as the Reg 19 consultation and it will be the last opportunity you have to comment on the plan before it goes to the government Planning Inspector. The plan will guide development in the borough until 2041 and covers all aspects of life: green space, housing, employment, and so on. Some aspects are OK but the Green Belt development policies are definitely not. There is sufficient brownfield to meet even the Council's inflated housing target so we do not need to sacrifice the Green Belt for housing. We encourage you to take part in the consultation.

The Enfield Society and Enfield RoadWatch are making it easy to object to the Green Belt and Tall Buildings policies with a user-friendly form on [The Enfield Society website](#). There you'll also find objection arguments which are phrased in the required technical way. [Also listed below] Please have your say. The Council **must** forward all submissions to the Planning Inspector, who is independent and neutral, so this time what you say can make a difference. **The deadline is midnight on Monday, May 20. Read on for more information.**

We are attaching the Enfield RoadWatch/ Enfield Society leaflet for your information. Please share it as widely as you can.

On other matters:

- We are told that the new cafe will open in a week or two. We look forward to that.
- There are no major events this summer, which is a relief, but we don't know about future years.
- We are still waiting and pushing for full restoration of the historic Cockfosters gate.
- And the cattle have arrived in the fields adjacent to Snakes Lane.

We are hoping to continue work in the Water Garden next month. We need your help! Please reply to this email if you can **volunteer** sometime during May and we'll get back to you.

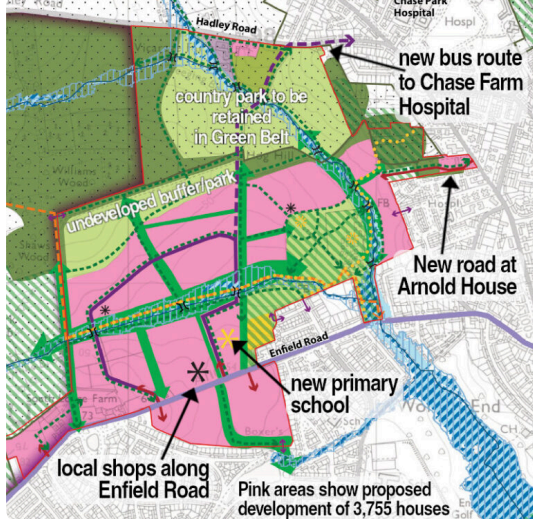
Our **next public meeting** will take place on June 24 at 7:30pm at Christ The King Catholic Church, 29 Bramley Road N14 4HE. More details and the agenda will follow closer to the time. Hope to see you there.

Thanks for your continued support.

Peter W. Gibbs Chair

What the Local Plan proposes for the Green Belt

The Plan for PL10 Chase Park



Vicarage Farm will become a new urban extension, known as Chase Park. The target is over 3,700 homes. It will consist of a mix of homes and mixed use, including a new primary school. Enfield Road will become an urban high street, fronted by 5 to 6 storey buildings. There will be two entrance roads to the developments on either side of Enfield Road. The equestrian centre will also become housing. The historic Enfield Chase setting of the listed Trent Park will be destroyed and we will lose our breath of fresh air between Enfield and Oakwood. The development will be car-dependent and unsustainable and it will change the character of the area forever!

The arguments against PL10 Chase Park

You can click through to the Enfield Society's online form below. You'll find these arguments there too. It's important to use one or more of them and not to frame your objection in personal or angry language, because you are speaking to the Planning Inspector, not the Council this time.

High level of harm to the character and identity of the area arising from the loss of countryside and semi-rural character

Green Belt countryside designated as an Enfield Chase Area of Special Character within the current statutory Development Plan

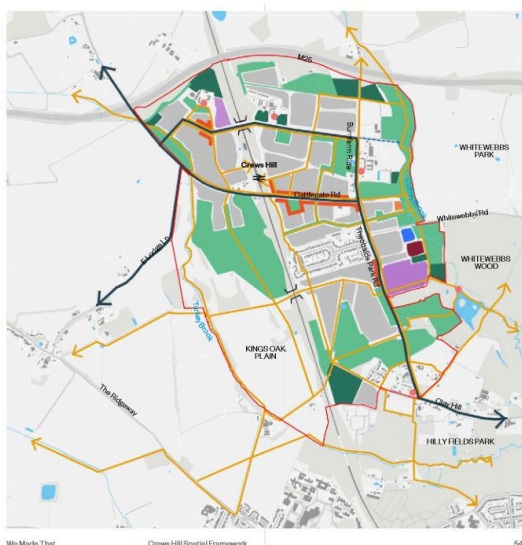
Loss of an important part of the historic landscape of Enfield Chase

Urbanisation of the Merryhills Way, a popular Public Right of Way established comparatively recently to provide easy access on foot to high quality countryside

Impact on Trent Park Conservation area from development at the Equestrian Centre

Likely to be car-dominated with few jobs in the area and steep slopes making cycling hard.

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The Plan for PL11 Crews Hill

Crews Hill as we know right up to the M25 it will disappear. The garden centres, golf course and other much-loved amenities will be replaced by a new 'rural settlement' of around 5,500 homes. The plan essentially carves a large chunk out of the Green Belt. Despite the presence of Crews Hill Station, we believe the settlement would be car-dependent and not sustainable. The rural road network would be harmed by the traffic pressure.

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Impact on the designated Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation at Crews Hill Golf Course and Glasgow Stud

Urbanisation of the setting of the Chain Walk Public Right of Way and Burnt Farm Ride Public Bridleway

Impact on views from the Ridgeway across Enfield Chase historic landscape

Possible future impact of development from deletion of Green Belt at Kings Oak Plain, an area of countryside recently planted with trees by volunteers

Loss of popular garden centres and supporting businesses

Harm to the rural setting of the Whitewebbs Transport Museum

Traffic pressure harming the character of narrow rural lanes including Whitewebbs Road, Cattlegate Road and East Lodge Lane

Traffic pressure on the Conservation Areas at Clay Hill and Forty Hall

Likely to be car-dominated with few jobs in the area and steep slopes making cycling hard.

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Public Communications:

Members are requested earnestly to address concerns to us and also make their views known via the following LBE councillors / officers:

- Leader of Enfield Council: Cllr.nesil.caliskan@enfield.gov.uk
- Cabinet Member for Environment and Sustainability: Cllr.Chinelo.Anyanwu@enfield.gov.uk
- Assistant Cabinet Member
Cllr Chris.james@enfield.gov.uk
- Cockfosters Ward local councillors;
Cllr.Alessandro.Georgiou@enfield.gov.uk
Cllr.Ruby.Sampson@enfield.gov.uk
- Conservative lead for parks; cllr.Edward.Smith@enfield.gov.uk
- Enfieldletters@london.newsquest.co.uk
- Enfield's website has a "Report it" facility to notify anything untoward seen in the park. LBE promises to scrutinise all reports and take appropriate action.
<https://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/leisure-and-culture/parks-and-open-spaces/parks/>

Volunteering with The Friends

The Friends have a list of projects that we would like to see done, but we have been reluctant to move forwards with any of them until we have a better commitment from the Parks Department with regard to maintenance. We are hopeful that progress is being made on this issue, and would like to re-start up our projects programme in the near future. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know. Those with **horticultural knowledge, legal experience, sports backgrounds, architectural and planning experience, social media outreach skills, event planning and management, and fund-raising experience**, are especially needed, but we also welcome anyone who can spare a few hours on one-off tasks.

Social Media

Please Like our **Facebook** page and share it with friends and family. This is the first place to look for news of events, alerts or just pretty pictures of the park. We would like to increase our **Twitter** and **Instagram** activity. If anyone can help, please get in touch.



Membership renewals

You can renew or join via PayPal on the website for just £4 a calendar year or £25 for a lifetime membership.

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Welcome to our Website
info@friendsoftrentcountrypark.org.uk



Welcome to the Friends of Trent Country Park website

We hope you will find the information here of interest and that it will encourage you to help us to improve the facilities in Trent Country Park for the enjoyment of all.

OUR MAILING LIST

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[Lockdown – Version 2 November 4, 2020](#)

[2020 AGM Report and Autumn Newsletter](#)
October 28, 2020

[Summer 2020 Newsletter](#) August 21, 2020

[July update! Trent Park during the](#)

[Coronavirus crisis](#) July 3, 2020

[Spring 2020 Newsletter](#) May 1, 2020

[Please support the Wildlife Rescue](#)

[Ambulance Centre](#) April 9, 2020

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The Friends website is packed with useful and fun information. You can learn about the history and ecology of the park and much more.

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