

IMPORTANT! PLANS FOR PALMERS GREEN AND SOUGHGATE

COME TO OUR AGM TO HEAR ABOUT ENFIELD COUNCIL IL'S PROPOSALS AND HOW WE CAN PRESENT OUR VIEWS TO THE NATIONAL PLANNING INSPECTORATE

To recap: Enfield Council has prepared a detailed plan for housing and other developments in the Borough up to 1941. The Plan aims to respond to the housing crisis by building 33,280 homes by 2041, of which 12,460 should be built by 2029. The Plan is controversial and many thousands of residents sent in their comments during the preliminary consultation. Now a government-appointed inspector is conducting a very detailed examination and will decide whether the Plan is sound or not. Stage 1 of the examination dealing with general principles and policies has just finished (see below).

Stage 2 will take place later on in the year and it is then that the Inspector will study specific proposals such as the sites where Enfield Council wants to allow high rise buildings or release Green Belt land for development. FLDRA has requested to make representations mainly about the proposals for Palmers Green and Southgate, and hopes members will help with their views.

The main proposals for our area include high-rise buildings in the town Centres of Palmers Green (Lodge Drive Car Park, Morrisons/Travis Perkins site, St Anne's School site, corner of North Circular and Green Lanes) and Southgate (Southgate Office Village, Barnet and Southgate College. Minchenden Car Park , Alan Pullinger Centre)

Some of the concerns already raised by community organisations in Stage 1 include:

- The preliminary consultation had been marred by the Council's failure to provide clear and timely information, key documents had been hard to access; local groups had to wade through thousands of pages , and numerous representations had not been passed on to the Inspector as required.
- Disagreement about the extent to which Enfield Council has tried hard enough to find industrial sites that could be developed before resorting to building on protected Green Belt land.
- Concern that some proposed developments are not sustainable because education/health and other essential services, as well as the road and transport infrastructure, would not be able to cope with a large increase in population