

Comments from those completing the Friends of Whitewebbs Survey (paper version)

The comments are as written. The only alterations are the correction of a few minor typos. All comments have been included.

- All of the council's information concerning the golf course is lies.
- When it was closed the golf course in the preceding four months of operation made a full cost profit at a rate equivalent to £200,000 a year
- Whitewebbs should be designated as a nature reserve with all trees being protected forever.
- I would like Dickinsons Meadow to be handed back by THFC and included in this proposed nature reserve. The park would be best with the whole space open to all.
- My understanding is that THFC would lease the park for a time limited. Freeholder is L BE on behalf of the people of the borough.
- Save the park and the nature.
- The council can't be trusted and neither can Spurs
- We need trees and parks greenery is important for our children's children.
- THFC is putting corporate need above public need giving them this land would purely benefit them not the community.
- Public open space should be a right for Enfield.
- As a member of Edmonton cycle club we frequently meet at Whitewebbs café. It is always busy with walkers and dog owners and provides a wonderful social start to our rides. We usually start by cycling through the park.
- My wife and I also frequently visit the park with our grandchildren.
- London has a growing population which puts more and more pressure on our public open and green spaces and so privatisation of this valuable open space is totally unacceptable. The deal that THFC are offering is scandalously small.
- Consider reopening it as a golf course. Preserve remains of Whitewebbs loop - make visitors aware of its historical existence.
- Lived here all my life and Whitewebbs is an integral part of my life. It is excellent nature and recreational place for well-being.
- The golf course should never have been closed it was not losing money as stated the accounts weren't correct.
- It appears the council have used false information to close the golf course in in order to do a deal with THFC they are in breach of the duty of care of public assets.
- The deterioration is appalling it seems that COVID provided an excuse for the council to close the golf course paving the way for THFC to step in. The loss of the cafe is a major blow as it provided not only refreshments but social contact and interaction. The old clubhouse needs demolishing and new facilities provided. The car park needs work. This is an opportunity for the council to do something positive especially for the senior age group who rely on this type of facility for a purpose to get out and about.

- The council has a unique opportunity to protect this natural open space and champion it. The thought of the rewilded area being partly laid over with turf is insane with the loss of nature habitats.

- Whitewebbs park is a unique asset to the borough of Enfield and its people. Restricting its usage will impoverish our lives.
 - The park should be kept as an all inclusive public space for the enjoyment of everyone
 - The pandemic showed us how important large open spaces are for our mental and physical health.
 - Our precious green space must not be sold or rented for any kind of development purposes.
 - Keep Whitewebbs in perpetuity for the people of Enfield to enjoy. Pass the law to stop development of any kind these precious open spaces. They are the lungs of London. leave them alone.
 - We must ensure that Whitewebbs park and our other precious open spaces are protected by law from any kind of development other than park maintenance for the benefit of this and all future generations.
 - Everywhere Spurs get they turn into a housing estate tell them to stick to Tottenham.
 - I've been using Whitewebbs for years not playing golf but walking across it when no golfers are about. I walk the woods, footpaths, bridlepaths. The golf course was and still is a home for thousands of toads only seen in twilight in the part designated for astroturf. That'll be the end of them if Spurs get it. I recently saw a water rail in pond near old clubhouse. They'll all go with spurs ruining the place good luck with your work.
 - The sale of Whitewebbs will have a negative and detrimental effect on all of us in Enfield. I will continue to support financially to the court case against THFC.
 - Whitewebbs should have been a Country Park with reserve areas for wildlife and at present infested with dogs. Rewilding needs management or it will just revert to woodland possibly with no more footpaths.
 - Part of the open space planned to be left to the public is in a big dip and is often flooded in winter and very muddy and not at all suitable for walking. It also that loses the light quicker on winter afternoons and you can't see the sunset which is my favourite part of the day.
 - This is a beautiful nature spot that should be left as it is. I have seen so many birds nesting it would be a crime to cover it with football pitches.
 - I feel it was wrong for the golf course to close. The reasons were pure fabrication by the council. However, since it has been closed the park has been an enormous sanctuary for the people of Enfield healthwise and mentally.
 - This is a great place for meeting outdoors. I have visited visiting this park for 35 years before and after the golf course. The space is essential for Enfield's many residents young and old. Essential to mental health with the many problems we are all currently facing in the world. there are plenty of golf courses, sports centres et cetera in the local area. More importantly what is the plan for wildlife?
 - Shame on Enfield council for taking away a green space which is so important for the mental well-being of many Enfield residents.
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- Whitewebbs is a very special piece of land, extraordinarily beautiful especially the golf course with its special mixture of open ground and trees. It must be preserved for future generations to enjoy. Trent park is ruined by mass events jogging clubs etc. It is no longer peaceful at weekends whereas Whitewebbs is peaceful balm for the soul at any time of the day. We are incredibly fortunate to enjoy this land. I'm glad the golf course has gone and all of us can walk on this special piece of land.

- Income from the park should be reinvested but this should not be allowed to be used by the council or any other future owner to charge ordinary members of the public to use the park. Charges should only be used for special events and activities that might normally attract a charge.
 - This council cannot be trusted to run the park in the best interests of Enfield residents and visitors.
 - THFC 's acquisition of a community estate is for their own interest not the same as ours don't want a theme park we are custodians would rather bequeath a wild place.
 - Such a special place it must be protected not sold off. It brings me and my family such joy to be there
 - I love Whitewebbs this is a beautiful place. It is a place where we can escape from the business of our day-to-day life. It brings joy to me and my family I love to go out on a relaxing ride, it makes me feel so happy and joyful and ready to face the day.
 - Well maintained and regularly serviced toilets are vital cafe and community facilities are desirable if they are well used and well run. Golf course should be for public use but is only necessary if it can be shown that it will be sufficiently used to warrant the expense dog walkers should be allowed only one dog loose or two if they are both on leads public open spaces must remain in public ownership and management and must remain as it open spaces.
 - The park has to be managed rewilding simply means it will become overgrown and less attractive and used mixed-use pathways worked well perfectly well much of the park was inaccessible to most users when it was a golf course THFC proposal if properly policed that would be the least worst option
 - We need more parks to help with our mental health and for future generations.
 - Public open space is best protected by public bodies, maybe, but certainly not Enfield council.
 - How does the lease to spurs align with the council plan and their priorities of clean and green spaces strong healthy and safe communities?
 - We have so little in the respect of wild open spaces locally let's keep this.
 - The council plan states its priority is clean and green spaces and strong healthy and safe communities how does letting the TFC have a lease align to this? Many residents without a garden rely on these green spaces. Shame on Enfield council
 - The value of this park to its users far exceeds that of any commercial value.
 - The council has no right to lease out land which was for public use. And if they are allowed to vent to then the people of Enfield should see a fair and reasonable some paid to the council footballer earns more in one week than the council is getting from spurs gross financial mismanagement by Enfield council
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- I would prefer the golf course not to be reinstated but if it contributed revenue to the upkeep of the park it could be considered.
 - I personally would prefer not to reinstate the golf course. However, if it was reinstated this could be part of the income stream, along with the cafe etcetera that could support park maintenance habitat tweaking etc.
 - Rewilding should be managed.
 - Natural rewilding will lead to lack of access as on the old pitch and putt area. We do not need rights away if whole area is Open Access

- Without commercial money how do you propose London borough of Enfield fund the upkeep of the park? The Parkland may be held in trust but is there any money in the trust fund for its upkeep? It would be interesting to see the proposal for funding its future upkeep.
- Public space in and around London is increasingly handed into private hands. Enfield please don't take away what is precious.
- The building of pitches would not allow the birds of prey which currently hunt on those fields to continue. It would disrupt and destroy much wildlife including many protected species. How would they stop the runoff from the pitches and herbicides and possibly pesticides from entering the rivers which are also used by protected species. Also the land could contain archaeological information and items which would also be lost for future generations. Whitewebbs is an extremely special place and needs to be protected for everyone to enjoy.
- We need these green spaces for the health of Enfield residents. The wildlife, flora and fauna. That area was gifted to the residents of Enfield, please leave it that way
- Whitewebbs was bequeathed to the public and so should not be sold off. Enfield council should maintain it and reinstate the golf course.
- Enjoying the wildlife there and meeting new people plus exploring with my daughter, which is what the park is for
- The council has badly let us down. This space, Whitewebbs, helped me survive stage 3 cancer. I have walked daily there and I'm certain that I remain cancer free because of the nature and its healing benefits. What will I do without it? THFC will kill me with their football pitches. This is not a joke. Whitewebbs has kept me alive I really might have died without it. I am concerned about not having access to it as it is and how that will affect my ability to live, I believe it has kept me cancer free and helped me to beat cancer over the last three years
- A council affiliated but independent body trust charitable trust would be better placed to represent the ratepayers of Enfield
- Woodland walks are brilliant for mental health. Many supporting articles are available. This frees up the NHS. Children can see and experience seasons, nature, and habitats and have the fun of being in the woods. A space where all generations can enjoy being together
- Enfield council needs to be more transparent in consulting with residents about the use of public money and property
- The park could bring income in by running survival courses and similar
- To maintain tranquility is essential. How can we trust spurs and the London borough of Enfield if planning conditions are ignored and passed retrospectively. No extra motor traffic through any part of the park. Statutory protection for all ancient woodland. Ecological surveys should be published in advance of planning. In addition to £2 million for 25 year lease please advise what other financial contributions spurs will make is that confirmed in lease
- Leave the lake alone
- Please keep the lake as an area of calm green and loveliness
- Enfield Chase was put in trust for the people of Enfield not professional footballers
- It would have been nice to have left the golf course but it would now take too much to restore it. All paths should be protected. Also the woodland as present. The Beaver cage has already destroyed enough
- All footpaths must be protected and maintained freedom to all our well loved spots. High fences would not be in keeping with the natural surroundings

- Whitewebbs should be returned to how it was with the public golf course and the wonderful natural paths to walk through and enjoyed by all generations. Spurs already have good training facilities
- Most green spaces are being lost to building works. It is important to maintain what little green space is left for our environment
- No paths to roads. Peace must be preserved
- It is not Spurs fault for grabbing a bargain, it is Enfield councils for offering it. The park is held in trust for the people of Enfield and surrounding areas
- Maybe an 18 hole course would not be cost effective consider nine holes
- I think Whitewebbs should be for the people of Enfield to enjoy not for income for the council
- It seems to me that the Enfield council is only interested in money and not in the interests of the inhabitants of Enfield who pay their council tax
- My current keep fit class will be permanently closed as the building(Saint Paul centre) has been sold and will be used as a Romanian church. Therefore, I will be walking more often in in Whitewebbs.
- If Tottenham make all the proposed changes including all the facilities for themselves then the existing land that is being taken over will never be restored to its natural habitat I also believe the motor access (that's cars to the Toby carvery) is too near the duck pond thus affecting negatively the bird and pond life
- I would like to see historic features like the old course of the New River protected and signposted. It will be appreciated to have the water tap reinstated at the duck pond. Care of the duck pond is also important
- Whitewebbs is vital to Enfield for people's well-being and mental health. It is such a built up busy area, overcrowded. People need this open space for their sanity
- I put the golf course option only as a better choice than Tottenham Hotspur football club getting the area for next to nothing thank you
- *Re the golf course, I don't feel strongly that it either should or shouldn't be restored but hesitate to mark 'disagree' because to my mind that undermines the argument all along that it shouldn't have been closed down in the first place. It was a public course, open to all, which surely goes to the heart of things (though I do now enjoy the vacated, 'wild' space for dog-walking!). Having attended one of the 'consultations', I am appalled by the THFC proposal to build NINE pitches for the elite women's academy on land intended for use by the residents of Enfield. If the women can't share the men's training facility, why do they need to be adjacent? Why can't they develop their own facility on a brownfield site nearby (on the A10, for example)?