



# The countryside charity London

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By email to: [REDACTED]

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Planning Application: 24/00987/FUL - Former Whitewebbs Park Golf Course, Whitewebbs Road, Enfield, EN2**

CPRE London is a membership-based charity with 2500 members across London, concerned with the preservation and enhancement of London's vital green spaces, as well as the improvement of London's environment for the health and wellbeing of all Londoners.

We are writing to object to the above planning application for the following reasons:

- This is an incredibly important and valuable public green space which is at risk of being lost.
- The proposed development is wholly inappropriate on Green Belt, as it will have high fencing which will enclose the space and completely change the landscape, with an identical impact to built development.
- There will only be a very limited opportunity for members of the public to access the new facility for recreation.
- Protected and much-loved views will be adversely impacted.
- The application is contrary to the draft Enfield Local Plan's policy BG6 on protecting the Green Belt and historic landscape/features.
- The application is also opposed to the London Plan policies G2 on protecting the Green Belt and G4 on Open Space which states that Development Plans should "ensure that open space, particularly green space, included as part of development remains publicly accessible".
- Loss and deterioration of veteran and notable trees and the potential loss and deterioration of ancient woodland. These are irreplaceable habitats and should clearly be protected from harm.
- At time when both Enfield and the London mayor have adopted targets to improve and increase the amount of wild space and habitat for nature to recover, this proposed allocation will entirely destroy vital natural space which will be replaced with engineered surface. There will be other major impacts on surrounding nature because of light and noise.
- Whitewebbs is, and should remain, a public park with full public access and be retained for the mental and physical health of the surrounding population, available for exercise, relaxation and contact with nature.

Thank you for considering these points.

Yours faithfully,

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Campaigns Officer  
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