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Enfield Conservatives Manifesto 2026: A Blueprint for Change

Our Five Pillars for Change

1. Restoring Fiscal Integrity and Accountability: We will end the culture of political patronage by abolishing redundant "Associate Cabinet" roles. We will launch a comprehensive independent inquiry into the past 16 years of financial decision-making and implement a rigorous debt-reduction strategy to safeguard Enfield's future.

2. Protecting our Green Belt and Heritage: We will immediately withdraw from the "New Town" process and scrap plans to build on the Green Belt at Crews Hill and Vicarage Farm. Our planning policy will shift from high-rise tower blocks to high-quality family homes, preserving the suburban character that makes Enfield unique.

3. Cleaning Up Enfield's Streets: The "war on the driver" ends on day one. We will abolish failed Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs), stop the plans for a 20mph borough-wide scheme, restore weekly bin collections, and freeze green bin charges. Through increased enforcement and a dedicated reporting app, we will tackle the fly-tipping epidemic that has blighted our neighbourhoods.

4. A Safer, More Secure Borough: By re-establishing local police hubs in Council buildings and recruiting 25 anti-social behaviour officers, we will restore control of our streets. We will revitalise our Trading Standards team to crush illegal business activity and ensure our high streets are safe for everyone.

5. Investing in the Next Generation: We will transform SEND provision by creating 200 new school places locally, delivering better outcomes for children while saving millions in external costs. From mobile youth buses to safeguarding our vital youth centres, we will ensure every young person in Enfield has the opportunity to thrive.

Our Pledge to You

On **Thursday, 7 May 2026**, the residents of Enfield have a clear choice: more of the same disappointment and decline, or a fresh start with a new Conservative Council that listens and delivers. We promise to **bring change for the better in Enfield** and return it to a place we can all be proud to call home.

Governance, Accountability, Transparency and Fiscal Responsibility

- **Financial Restoration:** We will implement a rigorous debt-reduction strategy to repair Enfield's balance sheet, ensuring the borough's long-term solvency and protecting future generations from spiralling interest costs.
- **Eliminate Political Patronage:** We will immediately abolish the posts of Associate Cabinet Members, removing unnecessary, taxpayer-funded political roles and redirecting those savings to frontline services.
- **Direct Executive Accountability:** We will institute bi-monthly 'Ask the Leader' forums hosted across the borough, ensuring every resident has a platform to challenge the Council leadership directly.
- **Modernise Democratic Access:** All Enfield Council meetings will be live-streamed and archived, providing total transparency and allowing residents to monitor decision-making from their homes.
- **Defend Enfield's Autonomy:** We will utilise every legal instrument at our disposal to vigorously oppose any mandates from the Mayor of London or the Government that threaten the character or wellbeing of our borough.
- **Restore Freedom of Choice:** We will immediately rescind the ideological ban on meat at Council-catered events, supporting our local agricultural sector and respecting personal dietary preferences.
- **Respect National and Local Identity:** We will ensure that only the Union Flag, the Flag of St George, and the Enfield Beast flag are flown from Council buildings, restoring a sense of traditional civic pride.
- **Commitment to Public Inquiry:** A formal, independent inquiry will be launched into the governance and financial decisions of the past 16 years of the Labour administration.
- **Strong Leader and Cabinet Governance:** We will retain the current Leadership and Cabinet model to directly implement the will of residents. This structure will prioritise decisive action and total accountability over excuses for failure.
- **Modernising Resident Services:** We will overhaul customer service and launch a user-friendly Council website to replace the current failing system. Our administration will end the culture of ignoring complaints, ensuring resident needs drive every decision.

Licensing, Trading Standards and Business Integrity

- **Revitalise Trading Standards:** We will reverse the drastic cuts to our Trading Standards team—restoring it from 1.5 to 12 officers—to effectively combat the proliferation of illegal business activities in our high streets.
- **Enforce Fair Trading and Safety:** The team will be empowered to rigorously enforce laws regarding product safety and fair competition, ensuring a level playing field for all.
- **Supportive Business Guidance:** We will provide proactive legal guidance to local businesses to assist with compliance, while taking decisive action against those who repeatedly ignore their obligations.
- **Systematic Inspection Regime:** We will conduct regular, unannounced inspections of commercial premises to ensure all health, safety, and licensing conditions are met.
- **Responsive Investigations:** Every resident complaint regarding suspected breaches of the law or licensing conditions will be investigated with speed and precision.
- **Seizure of Illegal Goods:** We will authorise the immediate confiscation of unsafe, counterfeit, or illegal products to protect consumers and legitimate traders.
- **Robust Legal Prosecution:** We will utilise stop notices, compliance notices, and court prosecutions to penalise those who violate their licensing conditions or breach the law.
- **Intelligence Led Enforcement:** Our operations will be driven by data and direct feedback from residents, businesses, and ward councillors to target high-risk criminal activity.
- **Multi-Agency Collaboration:** We will establish a unified front with the Metropolitan Police and the Food Standards Agency to create a safer environment for our local economy.
- **Integrated Community Policing:** Trading Standards and Licensing officers will act directly on the tactical intelligence provided by Safer Neighbourhood Teams.
- **Joint Tactical Operations:** We will conduct frequent joint enforcement sweeps with the police to shut down "dodgy" businesses and criminal enterprises.
- **Dynamic Feedback Systems:** We will create formal communication loops with the police to ensure that information received results in tangible, reported actions.
- **Targeted Neighbourhood Investigations:** Trading Standards will specifically prioritise the investigation of complaints originating from our frontline police teams.
- **Co-Designed Policy Frameworks:** The Licensing department will enable police leadership to help shape local authority protocols, ensuring they are fit for purpose in tackling crime.
- **Comprehensive Licensing Review:** We will review all existing licensing conditions within the national legal framework to raise the standard of operations across the borough.
- **Prevent Anti-Social Behaviour:** We will attach strict new conditions to licences to mitigate anti-social behaviour and ensure the quiet enjoyment of our residential areas.
- **Rigorous Post-Grant Monitoring:** The Council will implement a schedule of regular monitoring for all businesses that have already been granted a licence to ensure ongoing compliance.

Policing, Crime and Community Safety

- **Expand Frontline Capacity:** To combat crime, we will strengthen our presence on the streets by recruiting 25 anti-social behaviour officers. These officers will serve as a strong deterrent to criminal activity and actively support the Metropolitan Police in their efforts.
- **Visible Community Policing:** We will offer the Police leadership space in existing Council buildings to establish local hubs, placing officers back at the heart of the communities they serve.
- **Operational Cooperation:** These hubs will be developed in full consultation with Borough Police Leadership to ensure they meet modern operational requirements. Once this proves successful we will extend the offer to other emergency services.
- **Standardised Ward Meetings:** We will work with senior police to ensure that Ward Security Meetings are delivered to a consistently high standard in every corner of the borough.
- **Empowered Local Priorities:** We will actively encourage residents to take the lead in setting the specific policing and safety priorities for their own wards.

Housing, Planning and the Green Belt

- **Defend the Green Belt:** We will immediately withdraw from the proposed "New Town" process and cancel all plans that seek to urbanise our precious open spaces.
- **Safeguard Whitewebbs Park:** We will enact a specific Conservation Area status covering the entirety of Whitewebbs Park to protect it from inappropriate development in perpetuity. If the lease with Spurs is not signed by the time of the election, we will not sign the lease.
- **Responsible Traveller Strategy:** We will cancel the current unsuitable Traveller Local Plan and move sites to safer, more appropriate locations that do not impact road safety.
- **Protecting Our Neighborhoods from HMO Over-Development:** We will challenge the proliferation of new Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) to preserve the character and stability of our local streets. A Conservative administration will rigorously oppose new applications and implement a zero-tolerance approach to enforcement, ensuring existing HMOs strictly adhere to their planning conditions and licensing requirements.
- **Prioritise Quality over Density:** Our planning policy will shift focus towards high-quality, sustainable homes for local people while deterring the proliferation of unsuitable tower blocks.
- **Local Plan Realignment:** A Conservative Council will move to amend the current Local Plan to strictly limit and redesignate the permitted locations for tall buildings.

- **Strategic High-Rise Locations:** Taller buildings will be restricted to a small number of suitable locations where infrastructure is sufficient and existing high-rise character is established.
- **Protect Conservation Areas:** We will impose an absolute ban on the placement of tower blocks within our heritage Conservation Areas or traditional low-rise Town Centres.
- **Holding Developers to Account:** No more sweetheart deals at the taxpayer's expense. We will overhaul the Council's approach to planning, moving from a culture of handouts to one of hard-nosed negotiation. We will aggressively pursue Section 106 and CIL contributions to ensure developers, not residents, foot the bill for the impact of new buildings.
- **Interim Land Utilisation:** Unused land at Meridian Water will be utilised to meet immediate requirements while a more comprehensive, suitable plan is formulated.
- **Focus on Traditional Family Homes:** We will champion the delivery of proper family houses that protect the unique suburban character of Enfield.
- **Residential Preference:** Our policy will favour low-rise developments and houses with gardens—the type of homes Enfield residents actually want to live in.
- **Brownfield First Strategy:** We will work tirelessly with developers to unlock brownfield and existing redevelopment sites, protecting our green fields from the bulldozer.
- **Mandate Family-Sized Housing:** We will strictly adhere to housing mix targets, prioritising the construction of two-to-four-bedroom homes to address local need.
- **Diverse Housing Stock:** We will ensure a balanced delivery of maisonettes, traditional houses, and flats to provide options for residents at every stage of life.
- **End Rental Subsidies:** We will stop the practice of providing "blank cheques" for the private rented sector, ensuring better value for Enfield taxpayers.
- **Enhanced Heritage Protection:** We will expand the number of Conservation Areas and heritage assets, protecting the historic vistas and character that define our borough.
- **Absolute Green Belt Protection:** We provide an ironclad guarantee to protect Crews Hill, Vicarage Farm and the wider Green Belt from any attempt at declassification or development.
- **Restoring Order to Our Estates:** We will significantly expand the Housing Enforcement Team to reclaim our council estates from anti-social behavior. By increasing boots on the ground, we will ensure a visible, proactive presence that tackles disruption at the source, ensuring every resident feels safe and secure in their own home.

Children's Services and Education

- **Transform SEND Provision:** We will create 200 new SEND school places within the borough, improving educational outcomes while saving £5 million annually in external placement costs.
- **Accelerate Addison House:** We will immediately move to deliver the new 48-place SEND secondary school at Addison House, ending the current delay.
- **Champion School Investment:** We will support the academisation of our schools to ensure they receive the investment and resources required for every child to thrive.

- **Mobile Youth Outreach:** We will launch a second youth bus to provide agile, targeted support and outreach to young people in the areas of greatest need.
- **Investment in Youth:** We will allocate £95,000 for the initial fit-out and secure the annual running costs to ensure consistent weekly support sessions.
- **Protect Youth Spaces:** We will safeguard vital community assets including Craig Park, Ponders End, and Croyland to ensure they remain centres for youth development.
- **Empowering Parents and Supporting SEND Families:** Recognising that parents know their children best, we will place them at the heart of the decision-making process with total transparency around care plans. We will foster true partnerships with schools and teachers to ensure every pupil receives the tailored support they need to thrive.
- **Specialist Local Education:** This project will provide high-quality, local specialist provision for young people with the most complex needs.
- **Expand Mentoring:** We will increase the youth mentoring opportunities available through the NEXUS programme.
- **Foster Care Excellence:** We will launch a major campaign to recruit more local foster families, reducing our reliance on expensive agencies and keeping vulnerable children within Enfield.

Adult Social Care

- **Prioritising Dignity for Older and Disabled Residents:** We believe our most vulnerable residents deserve more than just "adequate" care; they deserve excellence. A Conservative administration will launch a comprehensive program to elevate the standards of our care homes, ensuring they provide the high-quality support, safety, and dignity that residents and their families rightfully expect and deserve.
- **Expand In-House Day Opportunities:** We will expand in-house day opportunities by April 2027 to increase provision for residents with learning disabilities. This local offer will provide better value for money while ensuring families and carers receive the support they need.
- **Deliver Flexible 'Flexi-Flat' Accommodation:** We will work with partners to deliver 'flexi-flats' within extra care sheltered housing as a robust alternative to residential care. These units will support independence, provide 'step-down' options for those leaving residential care, and offer a viable solution for residents requiring extensive home adaptations.
- **Expand Assistive Technology:** Our administration will continue the roll-out of innovative assistive technology solutions to support residents in their own homes and provide a vital lifeline for families and carers.
- **Integrated 10-Year Accommodation Plan:** As part of our long-term strategy, Adult Social Care will work directly with Housing to review all options that help residents maintain independence within their permanent community accommodation.

- **Eradicate Non-Decent Housing for Seniors:** We will prioritise action to reduce the number of older residents living in non-decent or dilapidated homes, ensuring that housing disrepair no longer impacts the health, safety, and wellbeing of our citizens.
- **Maximise Financial Support Take-Up:** We will review and improve current approaches to increase the take-up of Pension Credit, Attendance Allowance, and other financial support, benchmarking our success against the most effective practices in London.
- **Guarantee Non-Digital Access to Services:** We will ensure that financial support and essential services, such as Blue Badge applications, are easily available to those without internet access. Face-to-face drop-in sessions and telephone support will be better promoted and hosted within our community spaces.
- **Sustainable Funding for Local Charities:** Where Government grant funding permits, we will commission local charities with on-the-ground expertise through long-term contracts of five years or more to ensure the sustainability of vital community projects.
- **Community-Led Financial Outreach:** We will explore partnerships with charities, community centres, and GP practices to increase awareness of available financial support. This includes 'pop-up' advice shops in town centres and high-need areas to ensure advice is accessible to all, regardless of digital literacy.

Environment, Transport and Infrastructure

- **Restore Driver Freedom:** We will end the current ideological "war on the driver" and implement policies that get Enfield moving again.
- **Weekly Waste Collections:** We will reintroduce weekly black and blue bin collections to improve hygiene and restore basic council services.
- **Abolish LTNs:** We will remove all Low Traffic Neighbourhood; de-activating the enforcement cameras on our first day in office.
- **Freeze Green Bin Fees:** We will implement an immediate freeze on all future Green Bin garden waste charges.
- **Scrap 20mph Mandates:** We will reverse the decision to implement an unnecessary and unenforceable borough-wide 20mph scheme.
- **Support the High Street:** We will introduce 30 minutes of free parking on all high streets and maintain existing 45-minute arrangements in Council car parks.
- **Halt Harmful Cycle Schemes:** We will stop the proposed cycle lane between New Southgate and Palmers Green and implement a moratorium on new lanes.
- **Remove Hazardous Bus Stops:** We will eliminate all "floating bus stops" to restore safety for pedestrians, particularly the elderly and disabled.
- **Restore Hertford Road:** We will remove the Hertford Road cycle lane to improve road safety and traffic movement.
- **Empowering our "Friends of Parks" Groups:** We recognise the invaluable work local volunteers do to keep our parks beautiful. A Conservative administration will provide full support to all "Friends of Parks" groups, including a guaranteed **£1,000 annual grant** for every group. This funding will empower local residents to directly maintain and enhance green spaces that define our neighborhoods.

- **Ending the Chaos of Unfinished Roadworks:** We will crack down on utility companies that leave roads in disrepair by strictly enforcing "Lane Rental" charges and levying maximum fines under Section 74 of the New Roads and Street Works Act. A Conservative administration will ensure that once a road is dug up, work continues around the clock until it is finished and reopened.
- **Defending the Freedom Pass:** We will vigorously oppose any attempts to dilute, means-test, or cut the Freedom Pass. Our administration will stand as a bulwark against "bus-only" restrictions, ensuring older and disabled residents maintain full access to the Tube, Overground, and Elizabeth Line.
- **Combating Delivery Moped Nuisance:** To end pavement obstruction, we will create designated "Rapid Loading Zones" specifically for delivery mopeds in high-demand areas. These zones will be strictly enforced with parking fines to ensure our high streets remain safe and accessible for all.
- **Preserve School Safety:** All existing school streets will remain in place to protect our children during the school run.
- **Accessible Recycling:** We will scrap the inefficient appointment system at the Barrowell Green Recycling Centre.
- **Combat Fly-Tipping:** We will significantly increase the number of fly-tipping cameras to act as a deterrent and catch offenders.
- **Instant Reporting App:** We will launch a dedicated smartphone app to allow residents to report fly-tipping and littering the moment they see it.
- **Omni-Channel Reporting:** This digital solution will sit alongside traditional phone and email reporting to ensure no issue is ignored.
- **Enhanced Waste Enforcement:** We will increase the number of waste enforcement officers to significantly boost the rates of detection and fine collection.
- **EV Infrastructure:** We will accelerate the installation of electric vehicle charging points across the borough to support the transition to cleaner travel.
- **Intensive Street Cleaning:** We will increase street cleaning cycles to ensure our borough looks tidy and well-maintained.
- **Sensible Traffic Safety:** We will end the use of expensive "colourful" crossings in favour of a bespoke, evidence-based approach to road safety.
- **Return of Lollipop Patrols:** We will reintroduce school crossing patrols to ensure our children can cross the road safely near schools.
- **Relieve Enfield Town Congestion:** We will remove the restrictive bus lane on Church Street to improve traffic flow and reduce local pollution.
- **Eradicate Potholes:** We will significantly increase the volume and speed of pothole repairs to protect vehicles and improve road quality.
- **Removing Underused Bike Shelters:** We will end the Council's wasteful £600,000 expenditure on largely unused residential bike shelters. A Conservative administration will reclaim these parking spaces for residents by removing and selling these redundant structures, prioritising street space for the majority.
- **Greening Edmonton:** We will increase tree planting across the borough, with a specific focus on urban renewal in Edmonton.

- **New School Streets:** We will maintain a presumption in favour of new school streets whenever requested by local schools.
- **Safety Funding:** We will apply for TfL funding specifically to facilitate the safe removal of hazardous floating bus stops.
- **Streamlined Crossovers:** We will simplify the bureaucratic rules for driveway crossovers while penalising those who damage our pavements.
- **Investing in Parks:** We will seek increased investment for Enfield's parks while ensuring our vital wetlands are maintained. We will not only maintain our park playgrounds but also seek to expand the provision of play equipment for disabled children.
- **24-Hour Enforcement:** We will implement 24-hour parking enforcement across the borough to keep our roads clear and safe.
- **A Faster, Fairer Badge System:** We will streamline the Blue Badge service by increasing staff capacity to reduce waiting times, while tightening enforcement to protect the rights of disabled motorists. A Conservative administration will also safeguard and promote the Brown Badge scheme to ensure accessible parking for older residents.

Management of Council Assets and Facilities

- **Stewardship of Public Assets:** The disposal of any Council land or buildings will be strictly monitored and only permitted if it does not harm frontline services.
- **Elevated Leisure Standards:** We will work closely with GLL (Greenwich Leisure Limited, our current leisure provider) to ensure that service levels at our leisure centres are both maintained and improved.
- **Restore the Library Network:** We will conduct a full review of library provision with the goal of reinstating as many closed libraries as possible.
- **Support Local Theatre:** We will provide robust support for Enfield's theatres to ensure they remain vibrant cultural hubs for the community.
- **Allotment Excellence:** We will ensure the good governance and ongoing investment required for our successful allotment sites.
- **Defend Allotment Land:** We will vigorously oppose any Government plans to develop housing on our local allotments.
- **Vibrant Enfield Town:** We will monitor all redevelopment proposals for Enfield Town to ensure its traditional market character is preserved.
- **Scrutinise Environmental Spending:** We will review all expenditure on schemes like wetlands to ensure they offer genuine value and that future costs are fully understood.
- **Leisure Infrastructure:** We will ensure that the maintenance requirements for all our leisure centres are fully provided for in the budget.