

The Enfield Update – March 2010

This briefing sets out an overarching picture of the current challenges facing the London Borough of Enfield. It is organised by the five themes of the borough's Local Area Agreement (LAA):

- Economic Development and Enterprise
- Safer and Stronger Communities
- Children and Young People
- Healthier Communities and Older People (brought together as one theme)

The briefing presents a short commentary on the key issues for each theme, and sets out a range of statistics, demographic information and performance against a number of the national indicators. The data used is the most up to date available.

This briefing is produced on a quarterly basis, although some of the data used is only updated on an annual basis.

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Economic Development and Enterprise

Commentary

GLA figures show that, in February 2010, 7.4% of the population in Enfield is unemployed (claiming Jobseeker's Allowance or National Insurance credits). In February 2010 5.2% of the labour force in Enfield was claiming Jobseeker's Allowance, above the London figure of 4.5%. Eight wards in Enfield have over 6% of the labour force claiming Jobseeker's Allowance. Edmonton Green is the worst affected ward, with 8.8% of the labour force claiming Jobseeker's Allowance. The current employment rate (July 2008 to June 2009) stands at 65.8%, below the London average of 69.2%.

Partners are working together to tackle worklessness and have had a number of successes, including offering work experience to 100 school leavers through the Summer Work-Out scheme, developing volunteering opportunities and providing a job broker service in some of the most deprived parts of the borough such as Ponders End and Enfield Lock. A comprehensive package of support to help both residents and businesses through the recession is in place.

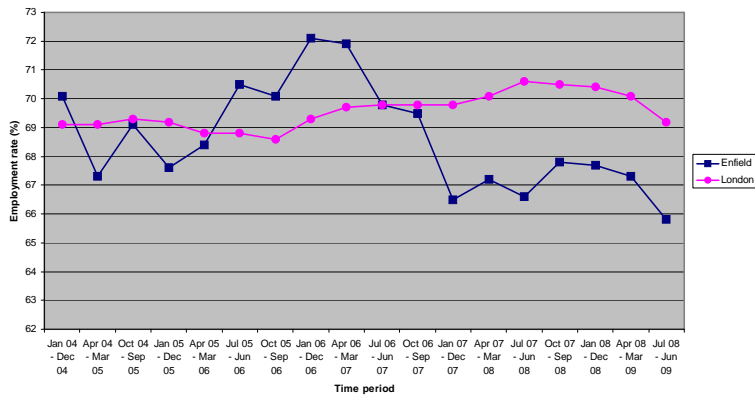
The average house price in the borough in January 2010 was £247,286, below the London average. House prices have risen by just 0.3% in the last 12 months, the highest increases being between July and September 2009. Rental prices have remained broadly stable at just over £1,200 per month, below the London average of £1,651.

There is a shortage of affordable housing, and while there has been a reduction in the number of households in temporary accommodation, numbers remain high and this represents a key priority for the Enfield Strategic Partnership. Homeless acceptances have fallen in the last year, with 36 acceptances in the third quarter of 2009/10 compared to 167 acceptances for the same quarter the previous year.

Average weekly earnings have remained fairly static over the past three years, increasing from £501.6 in 2006 to £518.5 in 2008, below the London average of £580.8.

Employment

Working age employment rate 2000-2009

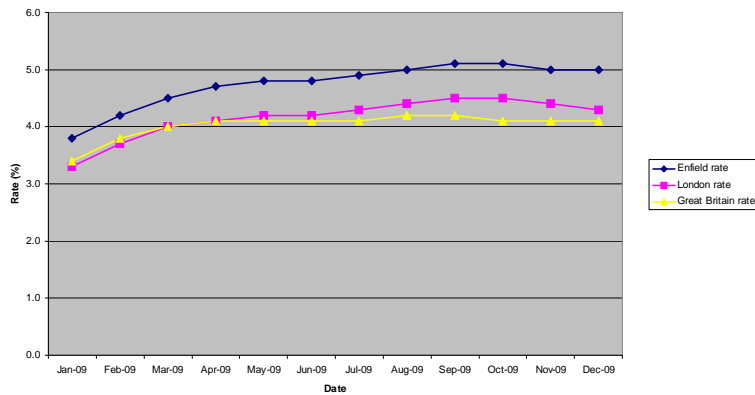


Unemployment rate by month and ward as a percentage of the working age population (Mar09 – Feb10)

	Mar09	Apr09	May09	Jun09	Jul09	Aug09	Sep09	Oct09	Nov09	Dec09	Jan10	Feb10
Bowes	6.7	6.9	7.2	7.3	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.5
Bush Hill Park	3.6	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.0	3.9	4	4.2
Chase	5.5	5.5	5.9	5.7	5.5	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.9	5.9	6.4	6
Cockfosters	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.4
Edmonton Green	12	12.6	12.7	12.4	13.2	13.5	14.2	14.1	13.4	13.6	14.3	14.9
Enfield Highway	7.9	8.6	7.9	8.3	8.5	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.3	8.1	8.4	8.5
Enfield Lock	8.5	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.6	9.1	8.8	8.9	8.7	8.4	8.9
Grange	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.8
Haselbury	8	8.4	8.7	8.4	8.9	9	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.6
Highlands	3.4	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8
Jubilee	7.6	8.1	8	8.2	8.5	8.4	8.7	8.9	8.8	8.4	8.7	9.1
Lower Edmonton	7.8	8.3	8.7	8.8	9.2	9.3	10.3	10.5	10.7	10.4	10.5	11.1
Palmers Green	5.8	6	6.3	6.2	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.8	6.8
Ponders End	11	11.5	11.4	11.8	12.3	12	12	11.3	11.3	11.5	11.7	12
Southbury	6.3	6.4	6.7	6.7	6.9	7	7.4	7.2	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.5
Southgate	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.7
Southgate Green	5.6	5.5	5	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.1	6	6.3
Town	3.9	4.1	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.2
Turkey Street	7.3	8	8.2	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.9	8.7	8.5	8.4	8.6	8.6
Upper Edmonton	9.5	10	10	10	10.6	10.6	11.1	11.5	11.4	11.3	11.2	11.5
Winchmore Hill	4.2	4.1	4	4.1	4.1	4.4	4.3	7.3	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.8

NB: Method of measurement changed slightly in January 2010

Jobseeker's Allowance Claimants - Enfield, London, Great Britain



Jobseekers Allowance – flows by month

	Jul-08	Aug-08	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08	Dec-08	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	
Enfield																				
Off-Flow	1080	1530	1315	1270	1570	1105	940	1525	1390	1420	2055	1570	1700	2180	1680	1970	2255	1665	1730	
On-Flow	1285	1560	1425	1350	1830	1420	1405	2390	1925	1810	2090	1635	1925	2255	1995	1910	2100	1600	1880	
Stock	5550	5560	5700	5775	6040	6360	6805	7660	8185	8570	8615	8685	8915	8985	9300	9240	9110	9045	9215	
Difference	210	10	140	75	265	320	445	855	525	385	45	70	230	70	315	-60	-130	-65	170	

Job outcome target – customers into work from wards (2008/09, Quarter 4 incomplete data)

Ward	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	YTD	Ward	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	YTD
Bowes	68	58	63	35	224	Lower Edmonton	93	95	77	39	304
Bush Hill Park	31	41	39	31	142	Palmers Green	40	63	58	42	203
Chase	47	61	44	38	190	Ponders End	97	105	85	48	335
Cockfosters	35	42	43	15	135	Southbury	76	79	63	33	251
Edmonton Green	88	148	209	45	390	Southgate	41	41	48	25	155
Enfield Highway	74	96	77	30	390	Southgate Green	39	61	49	30	180
Enfield Lock	91	89	81	51	312	Town	42	44	60	25	171
Grange	32	31	36	21	120	Turkey Street	80	68	65	42	347
Haselbury	57	100	63	37	257	Upper Edmonton	93	109	97	48	347
Highlands	26	51	33	20	130	Winchmore Hill	26	48	40	38	152
Jubilee	61	79	64	46	250	Unallocated	1	3	4	6	14

Median weekly earnings of full time workers (£) (Source: ASHE)

Year	Enfield	London
2009	546.0	598.6
2008	517.6	581.5
2007	517.5	555.9
2006	501.6	537.6

Apprenticeships to date (March 2010)

45
Council Apprenticeships filled

Tax and Benefits

Enquiries regarding welfare benefits to CAB 2009/10

Quarter	Number of enquiries
1 (Apr-Jun)	1,329
2	1,228
3	1,423
Total	3,980

Average time taken to process new claims and benefits

	October 2008	March 2010
Time take (average number of calendar days)	16.66	11.31

Housing Benefit/Council Tax Benefit Claimants

Month	Number of claimants
March 2010	37,235
October 2009	36,923
September 2009	36,913
August 2009	36,797
July 2009	36,649
June 2009	36,426
May 2009	36,199
April 2009	36,016

Council Tax collection

	2008/09	Current year to date
Council Tax collection rate	93%	92.9%
Number of bounced payments	6,560	6,640

Businesses

	2008/09	Current financial year to date
Number of bounced NNDR payments	642	543
NNDR collection rate	99%	97.7%
Number of new business properties	N/A	46
Number of Business Rate payers with special payments arrangements agreed	N/A	234

NI182: Business satisfaction with LA regulation services

Actual (%)	Date
75	2009/10

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Total numbers accessing 'From Recession to Growth' web pages

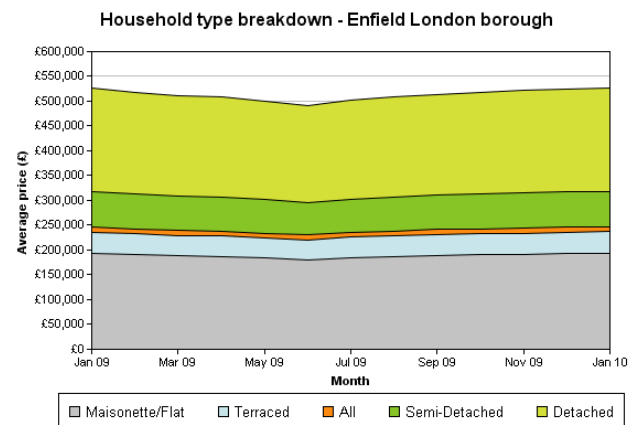
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Additional £s paid out to residents in benefits

Value 2008/09	Value 2009/10
N/A	£180,933

Housing

Average house price by housing type



Homeless Acceptances

Quarter	Homeless acceptances	Homeless acceptances due to mortgage repossessions	Termination of Assured Shorthold Tenancy	Other
Q2 2008/09	158	3	61	94
Q3 2008/09	167	3	57	107
Q4 2008/09	129	3	36	90
Q1 2009/10	99	4	28	67
Q2 2009/10	60	5	13	42
Q3 2009/10	36	0	6	30

House Price Trends (Land Registry)

Month	Index	Average price (£)	Monthly change (%)	Annual change (%)	Sales volume
January 2009	303.3	247,083	-1.4	-11.1	87
February 2009	299.0	243,605	-1.4	-12.7	149
March 2009	294.5	239,889	-1.5	-14.3	134
April 2009	292.8	238,526	-0.6	-14.8	166
May 2009	287.0	233,800	-2.0	-16.3	199
June 2009	282.6	230,175	-1.6	-16.7	149
July 2009	289.2	235,607	2.4	-14.0	230
August 2009	292.8	238,472	1.2	-11.6	239
September 2009	296.0	241,120	1.1	-9.4	224
October 2009	298.2	242,843	0.7	-8.0	298
November 2009	300.1	244,423	0.7	-4.3	269
December 2009	302.2	246,123	0.7	-1.4	-
January 2010	303.6	247,286	0.5	0.3	-

Rental Price Trends

Area	Month	Average rental price (£)	Monthly change (%)	Annual change (%)
Enfield	March 2009	1,222	1.0	-2.6
Enfield	January 2010	1,212	1.3	-0.4
London	January 2010	1,651	0.0	-1.0
UK	January 2010	804	-2.0	-4.3

Source: Findaproperty.com Rental Index

Safer and Stronger Communities

Commentary

Overall crime is reducing in the borough, down by 4% in the 12 months to December 2009. The numbers of violent crime have increased over the past 12 months, and serious acquisitive crime is above the average for similar areas, but reducing. This is a key priority for the Enfield Strategic Partnership and is one of the designated LAA targets.

Partners are working effectively together to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour through schemes such as alleygating and Operation Vigilance. and the Annual Residents' Survey 2009 showed that the number of residents who perceive a range of anti-social behaviour issues to be a major problem in their area has fallen.

Levels of community cohesion are reasonably high, with 76% of people thinking that people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area (Annual Residents' Survey 2009). The borough has been awarded Migration Impact Funding and Preventing Violent Extremism Funding, plus Connecting Communities funding, which is being used to train a number of community champions. The Enfield Strategic Partnership has just agreed its Community Cohesion Strategy and begun work on the action plan for delivery.

LAA and other priority indicators

NI16: Serious acquisitive crime (July 2009 – December 2009)

Crime	Actual (count)	Target (count)
Serious acquisitive crime (total)	3,704	3,878
Burglary in a dwelling	1,409	1,468
Robbery	605	528
Theft from a motor vehicle	1,152	1,337
Theft of a motor vehicle	538	545

NI15: Serious violent crime rate (February 2010)

Current year to date	Previous year to date	% change
286	242	+18.2%

NI28: Serious knife crime rate (February 2010)

Current year to date	Previous year to date	% change
416	387	7.5%

NI29: Gun crime rate (February 2010)

Current year to date	Previous year to date	% change
111	88	+26.1%

NI21: Concerns about anti-social behaviour (Place Survey)

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
27.9	27.9	2008/09

NI41: Perceptions of drunk or rowdy behaviour as a problem (Place Survey)

Enfield (%)	London average (%)	Date
32	36	2008/09

NI42: Perceptions of drug use or drug dealing as a problem (Place Survey)

Enfield (%)	London average (%)	Date
40	37	2008/09

Healthier Communities and Older People

Commentary

Healthier Communities

In general, the health of Enfield residents is similar to the England average. Mortality rates from serious illnesses such as cancer and heart disease have fallen over the past 10 years, and remain below the England average. Male life expectancy is 78.8 years and female life expectancy is 82.7 years, both of which are above the England average. However, there are large disparities between life expectancy in different parts of the borough, with a ten year difference between life expectancy in the south eastern and north western parts of the borough.

The Standardised Mortality Ratio for the borough is 94, which shows that the borough has a mortality rate below what would be expected for the area, taking into consideration a number of factors such as age and levels of deprivation. 76.5% of residents rate their health as good or very good, the seventh lowest figure in London.

On our key LAA and other priority indicators, there were 1,355 alcohol related admissions to hospital in 2008/09, exceeding the target of 1,232. 22.5% of children are obese, above the target of 22.01%, and the third highest figure in London. This is a priority area for the Enfield Strategic Partnership as children at age five and 11 show increasing and higher levels of obesity than found elsewhere. Teenage pregnancy is reducing, with a decrease of 11.5% in 2008 (latest figures available).

We are improving our joint working on health, with two joint NHS-Council appointments, including a new Director of Public Health. We have also launched the 'Healthy Enfield' brand, to co-ordinate all of our healthy living activity across the borough.

Older People

28.8% of the population in Enfield is aged over 50, 13.3% is aged over 65 and 1.8% is aged over 85. The older population is predicted to grow over the coming years, particularly the over 85 population. The 2008 Place Survey shows that 76.5% of residents aged over 65 are satisfied with their home and neighbourhood, ranking Enfield 27th in London (out of 33), and 23.9% of residents think that older people get the help and support they need to continue to live at home for as long as they want to, ranking Enfield 13th in London (out of 33).

To December 2009, 3,491 older people have been supported to live independently, and this figure is higher than the London average. The number of delayed discharges from hospital of people over the age of 65 has stayed below the London average and the use of telecare is one of the highest in London. Access to services for older people has been improved and work has begun on a new 'Healthy Ageing Strategy'. Strong arrangements are in place for safeguarding adults, with a new Safeguarding Strategy and a single point of contact for reporting suspected abuse.

General health

Life expectancy

Male life expectancy (2006-08)	78.8 years
Female life expectancy (2006-08)	82.7 years

Place Survey (2008)

% of residents describing their health as good or very good	76.5
Rank in London (out of 33)	27

Standardised Mortality Ratio (SMR)

The Standardised Mortality Ratio measures the number of observed deaths against the number of expected deaths, and indicates whether an area has below average, average or above average mortality. A figure of 100 represents an average mortality rate. Below 100 represents a lower than expected mortality rate, and above 100 represents a higher than expected mortality rate.

Standardised Mortality Ratio (2006-08) All Persons	94
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LAA and other priority indicators

NI123: Prevalence of smoking (16 years +)

This indicator measures the number of self-reported four-week smoking quitters

Actual	Target	Date
105	159	Q1 2009/10

NI 113: Chlamydia screening rate (under 25s)

Actual (rate)	Target (rate)	Date
4.6%	10.0%	Q2 2009/10

NI121: Circulatory diseases mortality rate

Actual (per 100,000 population)	Target (per 100,000 population)	Date
75.0	70.5	2008

NI 39: Alcohol related hospital admissions

Actual	Target	Date
1,355	1,232	2008/09

NI136: People supported to live independently

Actual (count)	Target (count)	Date
3,491	3,327	December 2009

Older People

28.8% of the population is aged over 50

13.8% of the population is aged over 65

1.8% of the population is aged over 85

(Mid-2008 estimates)

Perception (Place Survey)

% of residents aged over 65 who are satisfied with their home and neighbourhood	76.5
Rank in London (out of 33)	27
% of residents who think that older people get the help and support they need to continue to live at home for as long as they want to	23.9
Rank in London (out of 33)	13

Children and Young People

Commentary

26.4% of the population in Enfield is aged 19 and under, which is above the London average, and is predicted to grow over the coming years. Educational results are close to or above the national averages, with 79% of pupils achieving level 4 or above in English at Key Stage 2, compared to a national average of 80% and 78% of pupils achieving level 4 or above in Maths at Key Stage 2, compared to a national average of 79%.

At Key Stage 4, 67.7% of pupils achieve 5 A*-C at GCSE, an increase of 10% from 2007/08 and close to the national average of 69.7%, and 50.4% achieve 5 A*-C including Maths and English, an increase of 2.5% from 2007/08 and above the national average of 49.8%. Four of the seventeen secondary schools in Enfield are rated as outstanding, with the remaining ten rated as satisfactory. No schools are in OFSTED categories of concern.

Processes in place to safeguard children and young people are good. There are low levels of children in care, and the stability of placements for looked after children and the length of placements are showing sustained improvements. In July 2009 the unannounced inspection of contact, referral and assessment found a number of major strengths and no priority areas for action.

Progress is being made on the number of 16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEET), with a current figure of 6.1% against a target of 6.75%. Figures for care leavers and young offenders in education, employment and training remain slightly behind target at present. Childhood obesity remains a concern, and teenage pregnancy and infant mortality are key priorities.

Population

26.4%

Of the population is aged under 19

(mid-2008 estimates)

Education

	Enfield (%)	England (%)
% of pupils achieving Level 4 or above in English at Key Stage 2	79	80
% of pupils achieving Level 4 or above in Maths at Key Stage 2	78	79
% of pupils achieving 5 A*-G at GCSE	95.2	92.3
% of pupils achieving 5 A*-C at GCSE	67.7	70.0
% of pupils achieving 5 A*-C at GCSE including Maths and English	50.4	49.8

All figures are final data for 2009

LAA and other priority indicators

NI19: Rate of proven reoffending by young offenders

Actual	Target	Date
0.42	0.46	Q2 2009/10

NI56: Obesity amongst primary school age children (Year 6)

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
22.9	21.8	2008/09

NI59: Initial assessments for children's social care carried out within seven days

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
66.9	80.0	Q3 2009/10

NI60: Core assessments for children's social care carried out within 35 days

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
71.6	83.0	Q3 2009/10

NI62: Stability of placements for Looked After Children

This indicator measures the percentage of Looked After Children with three or more placements during the year

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
13.0	12.0	December 2009

NI63: Length of placements for Looked After Children

This indicator measures the percentage of looked after children who have been looked after continuously for two and half years or more who were living in the same placement for at least two years, or who are placed for adoption and their adoptive placement together with their previous placement last for at least two years

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
76.8	73.0	December 2009

NI87: Number of persistent secondary school absentees

This measures the percentage of pupils missing 20% or more of the school year

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
5	5.5	2007/08

NI111: First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10-17 years

Actual	Target	Date
1440	1370	2008/09

NI112: Conception rate 15-17 years

This indicator measures the reduction in the rate of under-18 conceptions per 1,000 girls aged 15-17 years, as compared with the 1998 baseline rate

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
11.5	13.0	2008/09

NI116: Proportion of children in poverty

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
30.9	N/A	2007/08

NI117: 16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEET)

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
6.1	6.75	December 2009

NI148: Care leavers in education, employment or training

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
64.0	83.0	Q3 2009/10

NI45: Young offenders in education, employment or training

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
69.4	85.0	Q3 2009/10