

The Enfield Update – December 2009

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

In November 2009 7.1% of the working age population in Enfield was unemployed, up from 5.3% in January 2009, and above the London figure of 6.1%. The percentage of residents claiming Income Support and Incapacity Benefit/Employment Support Allowance has remained static at around 4.5% and 6.2% respectively.

From 2000 to 2009 the working age employment rate in Enfield has varied from a high of 71.9% between April 2006 and March 2007 and a low of 66.5% between January 2007 and December 2007. The current employment rate (April 2008 to March 2009) stands at 67.3%, below the London average of 70.1%.

Nine wards in Enfield have over 6% of the population claiming out Jobseeker's Allowance. Edmonton Green is the worst affected ward, with 8.4% of the population Jobseeker's Allowance.

Partners are working together to tackle worklessness and have had a number of successes, including securing jobs for 650 vulnerable people through the JobsNet scheme, and achieving a reduction in the out of work benefit rate in the worst affected neighbourhoods. In addition, the Enfield Strategic Partnership has developed a detailed recession action plan, and a range of information and support for residents and businesses is available via the Enfield Council website.

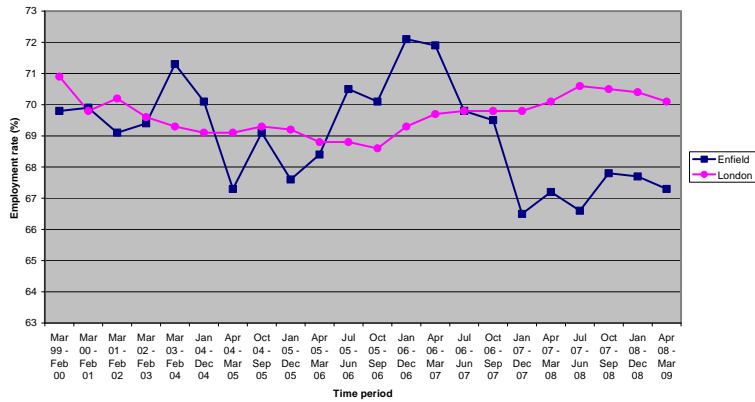
The average house price in the borough in September 2009 was £239,383, below the London average. House prices have fallen by 10.3% in the last 12 months, but are beginning to stabilise, rising by 1% between August and September 2009. Rental prices have remained broadly stable at just over £1,200 per month, below the London average of £1,636.

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 60 acceptances in the second quarter of 2009/10 compared to 158 acceptances in the same period last 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

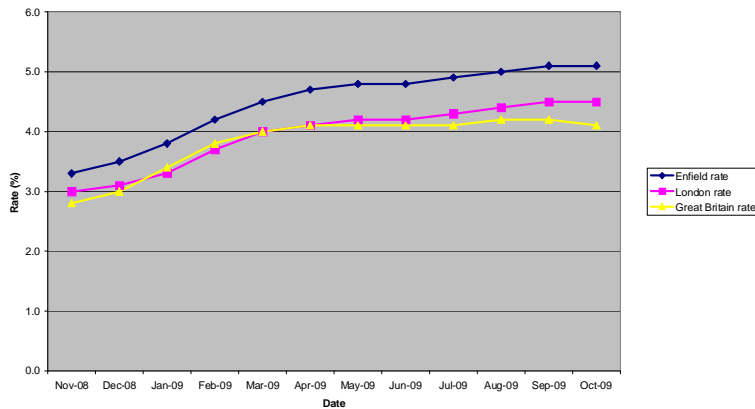
Working age employment rate 2000-2009



Unemployment rate by month and ward as a percentage of the working age population (Jan09 – Nov09)

	Jan09	Feb09	Mar09	Apr09	May09	Jun09	Jul09	Aug09	Sep09	Oct09	Nov09
Bowes	5.7	6.2	6.7	6.9	7.2	7.3	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.2
Bush Hill Park	2.8	3.3	3.6	3.8	3.8	4	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.1	4
Chase	4.5	5.1	5.5	5.5	5.9	5.7	5.5	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.9
Cockfosters	3.3	3.8	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.2
Edmonton Green	10.2	11.2	12	12.6	12.7	12.4	13.2	13.5	14.2	14.1	13.4
Enfield Highway	6.8	7.4	7.9	8.6	7.9	8.3	8.5	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.3
Enfield Lock	6.8	8	8.5	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.6	9.1	8.8	8.9
Grange	2.3	2.7	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Haselbury	7.1	7.7	8	8.4	8.7	8.4	8.9	9	9.4	9.4	9.3
Highlands	2.6	3	3.4	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.6
Jubilee	6.1	7.3	7.6	8.1	8	8.2	8.5	8.4	8.7	8.9	8.8
Lower Edmonton	6.9	7.6	7.8	8.3	8.7	8.8	9.2	9.3	10.3	10.5	10.7
Palmers Green	5	5.7	5.8	6	6.3	6.2	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.6	6.6
Ponders End	9.2	10.3	11	11.5	11.4	11.8	12.3	12	12	11.3	11.3
Southbury	5	5.8	6.3	6.4	6.7	6.7	6.9	7	7.4	7.2	7.1
Southgate	3.3	4	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.6
Southgate Green	4.7	5.1	5.6	5.5	5	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.9	5.9	5.9
Town	3	3.4	3.9	4.1	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.9	3.9	3.9
Turkey Street	6.7	7.1	7.3	8	8.2	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.9	8.7	8.5
Upper Edmonton	7.9	8.8	9.5	10	10	10	10.6	10.6	11.1	11.5	11.4
Winchmore Hill	3.5	3.8	4.2	4.1	4	4.1	4.1	4.4	4.3	7.3	4.1

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



	Apr-08	May-08	Jun-08	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	
Enfield																				
Off-Flow	1015	1005	1335	1080	1530	1315	1270	1570	1105	940	1525	1390	1420	2055	1570	1700	2180	1680	1970	
On-Flow	985	1050	1420	1285	1560	1425	1350	1830	1420	1405	2390	1925	1810	2090	1635	1925	2255	1995	1910	
Stock	5200	5245	5340	5550	5560	5700	5775	6040	6360	6805	7660	8185	8570	8615	8685	8915	8985	9300	9240	
Difference	-15	45	95	210	10	140	75	265	320	445	855	525	385	45	70	230	70	315	-60	

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

Average weekly earnings (£) (Source: ASHE)

Year	Enfield	London
2008	518.5	580.8
2007	517.5	555.9
2006	501.6	537.6

Apprenticeships to date (November 2009)

TBC
Council Apprenticeships filled or appointed to

Tax and Benefits

Enquiries regarding welfare benefits to CAB 2008/09

Quarter	Number of enquiries
1 (Jan-Mar)	1,365
2	1,329
3	1,228
4	1,025
Total (2009)	4,947

Average time taken to process new claims and benefits

	End of October 2008	End of October 2009
Time take (average number of calendar days)	16.66	12.44

Housing Benefit/Council Tax Benefit Claimants

Month	Number of claimants
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

	2008/09	Current year to date
Council Tax collection rate	93%	64.9%
Number of bounced payments	6,560	3,992

Businesses

	2008/09	Current financial year to date
Number of bounced NNDR payments	642	468
NNDR collection rate	99%	68.71%
Number of new business properties	TBC	TBC
Number of Business Rate payers with special payments arrangements agreed	N/A	234

NI182: Business satisfaction with LA regulation services

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
72	72	2008/09

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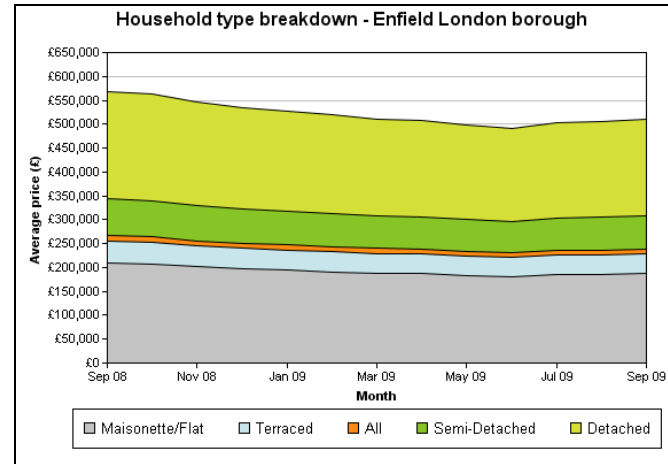
Total numbers accessing 'From Recession to Growth' web pages

234 (15 Oct – 23 Nov)

Additional £s paid out to residents in benefits

Group	Value 2007/08	Value 2008/09
Pensioners	Data is currently being collated across the council	
Working age adults	Data is currently being collated across the council	

Housing



Homeless Acceptances

Quarter	Homeless acceptances	Homeless acceptances due to mortgage repossessions	Termination of Assured Shorthold Tenancy	Other
Q1 2008/09	178	3	69	106
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

Rental Price Trends

Area	Month	Average rental price (£)	Monthly change (%)	Annual change (%)
Enfield	March 2009	1,222	1	-
Enfield	March 2008	1,255	-2.6	-
London	October 2009	1,636	1.6	-4.6
UK	October 2009	830	0.1	-3.8

Source: Findaproproperty.com Rental Index

House Price Trends (Land Registry)

Month	Index	Average price (£)	Monthly change (%)	Annual change (%)	Sales volume
September 2008	327.5	266,807	-1.2	-1.2	168
October 2008	324.8	264,608	-0.8	-3.0	194
November 2008	314.6	256,313	-3.1	-6.5	148
December 2008	307.7	250,674	-2.2	-8.9	160
January 2009	303.3	247,083	-1.4	-11.1	87
February 2009	299	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	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	230
August 2009	291.1	237,124	0.6	-12.2	-
September 2009	293.9	239,383	1.0	-10.3	-

Safer and Stronger Communities

Commentary

Overall crime is reducing in the borough, down by 4% in the 12 months to September 2009. The numbers of violent crime have increased over the past 12 months, and serious acquisitive crime is above the average for similar areas. 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 Street Action for Enfield (SAFE) and Safe as Houses, and the Place Survey 2008 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 75.2% of people thinking that people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area. The borough has also been awarded Migration Impact Funding and Preventing Violent Extremism Funding to deliver a range of community cohesion and integration projects, and the Enfield Strategic Partnership is currently developing a Community Cohesion and Integration Strategy.

LAA and other priority indicators

NI16: Serious acquisitive crime (April 2009 – September 2009)

Crime	Actual (count)	Target (count)
Serious acquisitive crime (total)	3,844	3,611
Burglary in a dwelling	1,376	1,201
Robbery	613	528
Theft from a motor vehicle	1,297	1,337
Theft of a motor vehicle	558	545

NI15: Serious violent crime rate (September 2009)

Current year to date	Previous year to date	% change
177	157	+12.7%

NI28: Serious knife crime rate (September 2009)

Current year to date	Previous year to date	% change
217	230	-5.7%

NI29: Gun crime rate (September 2009)

Current year to date	Previous year to date	% change
62	33	+87.9%

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 97, which shows that the borough has a mortality rate slightly 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 1,332 alcohol related admissions to hospital in 2008/09, exceeding the target of 1,520. 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 also remains a challenging area for the borough, with a 3.7% increase compared to the 2008 baseline, against a target of a 25% reduction.

Services to help stop smoking are having an impact, with the target for prevalence of smoking exceeded in 2008/09, and the target to reduce smoking amongst Turkish, Turkish Cypriot and Kurdish residents that formed part of the borough's first LAA exceeded six months early. In addition, the 2010 target for reducing the number of people dying from cardiovascular disease has been met already, and the number of under 25s with Chlamydia has reduced and the target has been met. In 2009/10 Enfield was awarded Beacon Authority status for supporting independent living for disabled adults.

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 date in June 2009, 3,564 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 a range of services have been delivered to support independent living, including discounts at leisure centres and monthly 'Silver Screen' sessions. Strong arrangements are in place for safeguarding adults, which have been assessed independently.

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 (2003-07) Male	97
Standardised Mortality Ratio (2003-07) Female	97.5
Standardised Mortality Ratio (2003-07) All Persons	97

LAA and other priority indicators

NI123: Prevalence of smoking (16 years +)

This indicator measures the rate of self-reported four-week smoking quitters per 100,000 population aged 16+

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
686	636	2008/09

NI 113: Chlamydia screening rate (under 25s)

Actual (count)	Target (count)	Date
909	842	Q1 2009/10

NI121: Circulatory diseases mortality rate

Actual (per 100,000 population)	Target (per 100,000 population)	Date
71.59	N/A	2007/08

NI 39: Alcohol related hospital admissions

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
1,332	1,520	2008/09

NI136: People supported to live independently

Actual (count)	Target (count)	Date
3,564	3,677	June 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 78.3% of pupils achieving level 4 or above in English at Key Stage 2, compared to a national average of 79% and 77.8% of pupils achieving level 4 or above in Maths at Key Stage 2, compared to a national average of 80%.

At Key Stage 4, 68% 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 50.5% achieve 5 A*-C including Maths and English, an increase of 2.5% from 2007/08 and above the national average of 49.7%. 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 5.9% against a target of 7%. Figures for care leavers and young offenders in education, employment and training remain slightly behind target at present. Childhood obesity remains a concern, as does teenage pregnancy, with more details provided above in the Healthier Communities section.

The Children's Trust has established four Children Area Partnerships (CAPs), each focusing on an area of the borough with different demographic characteristics. The aim is to focus on local need, reduce inequality between communities and deliver flexible, locality-based services. Each CAP has a multi-agency Children's Area Board (CAB) in place, which have identified their own priorities, linked to the strategic priorities of the Trust.

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	78.3	79
% of pupils achieving Level 4 or above in Maths at Key Stage 2	77.8	80
% of pupils achieving 5 A*-G at GCSE	96	92.5
% of pupils achieving 5 A*-C at GCSE	68	69.7
% of pupils achieving 5 A*-C at GCSE including Maths and English	50.5	49.7

All figures are provisional data for 2008/09

LAA and other priority indicators

NI19: Rate of proven reoffending by young offenders

Actual	Target	Date
1.2	0.95	June 2009

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

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
22.5	22.01	2007/08

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

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
68.2	80	Q1 2009/10

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

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
75	83	Q1 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
11.5	12	June 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
77.2	73	November 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	June 2009

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

Actual	Target	Date
334	335	Q1 2009/10

NI112: Conception rate 15-17 years

This indicator measures the change 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
3.7	-25	2007

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
5.9	7	June 2009

NI148: Care leavers in education, employment or training

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
64.1	83	Q1 2009/10

NI45: Young offenders in education, employment or training

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
75.3	85	Q1 2009/10