

homes the move

chiefs are trying to force through the plans by turning to the Planning Inspectorate.

Save Chase Farm councillor Kate Wilkinson accused health bosses of pre-empting the public consultation on the future of Chase Farm's services.

She said: "It is completely insensitive to make the appeal just when the public consultation is about to begin. Nothing else should be done until after that process."

Opponents of the construction project fear that the hospital will not receive a single penny from the land sell off – a fear that has been rejected by health chiefs – and that a rise in the volume of traffic, if the homes are built, will hamper the swift passage of ambulances in and around the hospital.

The controversial proposals would see 60 decaying staff flats close to the junction of Hunters Way and Lavender Hill demolished and replaced with 87 two-bedroom flats, 46 three-bedroom houses and 31 four-bedroom residences for

Chase Farm hospitals to upgrade staff accommodation.

He said: "It will not disappear into the vast black hole called the NHS."

However, Cllr Wilkinson said: "We are confident that it will be refused again."

"It was refused on solid grounds by the council's planning committee and I hope it will be again."

The planning inspectorate's decision is expected in July.

The Save Chase Farm group is to host a public meeting on the controversial appeal on Friday, May 25, in the conference room at the Civic Centre, in Silver Street.

Visit www.savechasefarm.co.uk for more details.

ADD YOUR VOICE

Tell the Government's planning inspectorate what you think about the proposal to build 279 homes in Chase Farm Hospital's grounds. Send your opinion to Mr Alexander O'Doherty, The



On the frontline: Nick de Bois is pictured far right with (from left) Andy Love, MP for Edmonton and David Burrowes, MP for Enfield Southgate

Ex-Tory candidate asks Brown to stop any cuts

A PREVIOUS parliamentary candidate for Enfield North Conservatives has written an open letter to Gordon Brown asking for him to put a stop to potential cuts at Chase Farm Hospital.

department closures at Chase Farm.

In his letter to the Chancellor, Mr de Bois wrote: "Following the launch (of Brown's leadership campaign), you and your team

Chancellor was not aware of the possible cuts at Chase Farm and the "massive public opposition to those cuts".

Mr de Bois went on to dismiss the idea that other local hospitals could cope with