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The Green Belt was established to stop urban sprawl and permanently protect green spaces so it should not even be considered for housing development.

I feel very strongly about this as I'm sure many other local people do so I dearly hope you will listen to our concerns.

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I would like to add my voice to a resounding NO to building on green belt land.

Any green belt, ever!

You, the council must safeguard this invaluable asset which we are lucky enough to be guardians of in Enfield. No swapping, trading, or any other cleverly disguised way of hiding what is happening.

The green belt was established for a reason. That reason has not diminished or gone away. When every other avenue has been exhausted, when there is not a postage stamp of land left in Enfield suitable for building homes on.....then you must declare Enfield full up, no room left here, go somewhere else.

Amid all the current uncertainty in every walk of life, how can anyone dictate that we must build x number of new homes "to meet demand" regardless of the consequences. Stand up to the government, tell them you are not prepared to build on green belt because it is too precious to be destroyed. Poor air quality is already damaging our health in and around city centres. What sense can there be in squashing increasing numbers of people and their cars, their boilers heating their homes etc., into an already overcrowded and polluted outer London borough.

Please safeguard this precious irreplaceable asset for the benefit of future generations.

I strongly object to the dispersal of any green belt land, especially to greedy house builders whose sole aim is to maximise their profits by using this land instead of the less profitable brownfield sites, of which there are plenty. I would urge the council to promote the use of these sites for the (in many instances) sub standard housing projects.

The green belt land is surely, for the people, The council are the custodians, not the owners.

In my view the real problem is NEVER mentioned, overpopulation, too many people means not enough houses, hospitals, schools etc. etc. Enfield council, like England, should erect the "House full" signs.

I know this subject is taboo! It is not being a racist to raise this issue, it is being a realist!.

I am opposed to development on any green belt land or open spaces. This land has many benefits for our well being both mentally and physically. Whilst I appreciate there is a need for housing there are brown fill sites, many empty houses and shops which could be utilised for this purpose. What will happen in years to come when we no longer have green open spaces to enjoy but exist in a concrete jungle?

We pride ourselves in Enfield for the green open spaces which we are very fortunate to have let's keep it that way for future generations.

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I sent the email below yesterday to the 'Local Plan' address but it was returned so I have tried again.

Building on green belt at Crews Hill

I object to the above proposal to build new houses on the above sites on the grounds of : a) it is green belt

b) there is not the existing infra structure to support so many extra dwellings in an area that is already over congested with traffic .

Questions that support my objections :

*where will Primary & Secondary school children go to school , & how will they get there ?

* where will the nearest GP practice be , and how will patients get there ?

*where will the nearest shops be , & how will residents get there ?

*where will the bus stops be , for those who cannot drive a car / cannot afford a car , & how often will the buses run ?

*where will the Community Centre be built - & who will pay for it ?

Community activities for all ages are essential to make an area grow - such as playgroups, scouts , yoga , chess, coffee mornings for the elderly, U3A, etc.

* what are the plans to provide accommodation for Religious services of every faith ?

Please consider my questions , and reply .

Yet another cosy collaboration between Enfield Council and Fairview!!!

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There are many "brownfield" options to meet housing targets without sacrificing the Green Belt, a precious resource that MUST be protected and preserved for future generations, to give this suspiciously favoured developer another plum, pricey and profitable project. The huge Carland plot and Toys 'r' Us site and several plots alongside the River Lea at Brimsdown could be highly suitable, with a bit of imagination and flexibility.

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Dear sirs

I and my wife, are extremely happy with the beautiful Green Belt area we live in. YES we want to keep the Green Belt for wild life, recreation and food production.

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Firstly, Enfield Council leads a major £6bn, 20-year London regeneration programme – Meridian Water which will bring 10,000 homes and thousands of jobs to Enfield, right next to the beautiful Lee Valley Regional Park. The housing targets can be also accommodated on previously-built land [brownfield]. The CPRE-London's report Space to Build, Enfield provides evidence of sites for at least 37,000 homes, mostly in areas that need regeneration and would benefit from public transport and other infrastructure upgrades.

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Our feedback on the proposals outlined within the Enfield Local Plan

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2. If the Council is intending to drop in one-off high density high rise developments in every brown site available, this will (a) not begin to meet the targets set out above, (b) provide very specific accommodation more suited to the developers rather than the "genuinely affordable homes" designed to meet the needs of specific groups, (c) help to degrade the unique features of the area that attracted them to this site in the first place, and (d) has the potential to create additional traffic pollution and congestion at an already overused junction.
3. The solution to rebalancing is not to bring the existing low density areas up to the level of the high density areas, thus weakening the unique areas of the borough.

Impact on the Environment:

1. The impact on the air quality and access at an already busy junction - Enfield is already very crowded with poor air quality, and traffic issues along the main roads (Windmill Hill, Chase Side and Old Park Avenue), with speeding and noise pollution major issues that do not seem to be addressed by the Council or the Police. Further density and additional cars would only add to the traffic congestion and existing problems (speeding, pollution, and use of the Borough as a "rat run" to the M25 and the A10)
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Community and Social Infrastructure

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Design Excellence

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If we lose the Green Belt that will be it. It is irreplaceable!!

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Use brownfield not greenbelt and protect the value of Enfield in the long term and not the short. We should be a green borough not of tower blocks.

Regards

Dear Sirs,

I wish to voice my objection to Enfield council building on Green Belt land in the vicinity of Crews Hill or anywhere in the Borough of Enfield. It is essential to preserve these spaces for all Enfield's citizens so the whole borough is not polluted with traffic fumes and built up areas. The presence of trees in the borough is a necessity to maintain clean and healthy air for all.

There are plenty of brownfield sites across the borough which could provide land for building. The dismal transport facilities in Crews Hill and other areas would make it impossible to get around. Roads would be grid locked by cars as there are only 2 trains per hour at Crews Hill and the bus only operates in the mornings! There is one an hour starting at 9.40 therefore not helping working people or schoolchildren.

If building is to occur at Crews Hill all these issues would need to be solved including extra classrooms for primary school children.

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I am responding to the consultation regarding the Local Plan for Enfield.

For many years I drove through Enfield and was struck by the outstanding natural beauty of the Green Belt and I hoped that one day I could live in such a beautiful area. I am now an Enfield resident with children at local schools and we are fortunate to live on the edge of the beautiful Green Belt.

We see on a daily basis the ecological value that the green belt provides. We know that Enfield roads have become busier (and noisier) over the years and the retention of the Green Belt is now more important than ever. Our green belt and the mature trees it holds, is positioned to alleviate the pollution in our borough as it borders some particularly busy roads (the A110, the Ridgeway, the M25).

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It would be an awful shame to spoil the beautiful greenbelt and views of the countryside.

That's the beauty of living in Enfield. It's a convenient area with the public transport and living close to London and being surrounded by gorgeous views of the countryside.

I very much doubt there are many areas similar to Enfield without having to move so much farther out of London.

I beg you please rethink the decision of building housing on Enfield's greenbelt.

Please use the brownfield sites to meet your housing targets. Build higher properties. Build more densely. But keep the green belt for future generations before the air pollution gets even worse !!!!!

I am writing to register my objection to the proposed building on the green belt land in the Crews Hill area.

What makes Enfield unique is this wonderful green area and it is wrong to obliterate this.

We should think ahead to the needs of the future generations and protect this asset.

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Having lived in Enfield for the last 42 years and enjoyed the green spaces Enfield has to offer I want other people to have the same opportunities to enjoy the green belt land. I am sure there are many brownfield sites to be used before our precious green belt is touched. Once it is built on it is lost forever.

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whilst it is clear housing development will be required to meet Enfield's future housing requirements I was shocked to see you are actually considering development on our very precious Green Belt land at Crews Hill. **I STRONGLY OBJECT TO THIS UNNECESSARY AND LUDICROUS PROPOSAL. PLEASE LEAVE OUR GREEN BELT ALONE!** I understand there are 750 acres of previously developed land within the Borough, the so-called BROWNFIELD sites. Please turn your attention to developing these areas before even thinking about destroying our beautiful green borough.

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I have identified the following policies that are still Relevant because they highlight the importance of and/or protect the Green Belt:

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Development Management Document: 59, 61-65, 72-75, 77, 82-91.

The following policies that relate to the Green Belt need to be Changed:

Core Strategy: 29 and 32 should be changed to reflect the importance of the Green Belt to these functions.

Development Management Document: 71, 78, 79 and 80 should remove the loopholes that make the stated protection dubious.

Several policies in both documents need to be changed to allow changes of land use [excluding the Green Belt] that would permit mixed use development.

Question 2 –

1. NO GREEN BELT SITES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR RELEASE. GROWTH CAN BE ACCOMMODATED ON PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED LAND/ BROWNFIELD.
2. Enfield RoadWatch and CPRE-London have compiled a comprehensive register of brownfield opportunities of all types and sizes which shows sufficient sites for housing and infrastructure during the plan period and beyond.
3. The A10 Retail Parks and Southbury area should be masterplanned before piecemeal development picks away at the prime sites. With increased train service, this area could provide a new mixed-use community of many more homes than Meridian Water.
4. Enfield's Strategic Industrial Locations [SIL] need to be masterplanned so that areas closest to public transport can be released for mixed use development, while other areas can be intensified through stacking or better land-use, with no loss of employment.

Question 3 –

a) All the options listed on page 9 are worth exploring, except for the final option which suggests revisiting the Green Belt boundaries, which is unnecessary, given that a robust, thorough and professional boundary review was conducted, approved and adopted in 2013. To quote the Council itself: *The review's primary objective is to provide for a strong defensible Green Belt boundary that will endure and protect the openness and rural character of the surrounding countryside of Enfield from encroachment. The review provides an understanding of the current strengths and weaknesses of the existing Green Belt boundaries and has in turn recommended amending the boundary where appropriate to provide certainty over the next 15 to 20 years.* Another boundary review should not be needed until 2028 at the earliest.

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c) The Local Plan revision should not be used as a reason to release Green Belt. It is unnecessary.

d) Please see my response to Q2.

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Question 4 –

a) Yes!

b) The options are not clear, but I would support a policy that values and protects Enfield's heritage and culture.

d) Hard to answer without a definition of 'appropriate'.

Question 5 –

a) Yes

b) Depends on the location

c) Yes

Question 8 –

Please refer to my response to Q2 about the brownfield register.

Question 10 –

c) Please refer to my responses to Q2 and Q3.

d) Industry should not be moved into the Green Belt. Additional employment space can be achieved by mixed-use development and intensification of existing industrial sites.

Question 13 –

All of the above, plus leisure centres, Council offices, transport hubs and retail.

Question 14 –

c) The importance of open and blue spaces cannot be judged by their quality, accessibility or size. Open spaces serve a wide variety of purposes. In addition to the traditional five purposes of the Green Belt, a long list of environmental, economic and social benefits have now been identified including:

- Creating a sense-of-place and facilitating community cohesion;
- Increasing physical activity for adults and children;
- Adapting to climate change through CO2 absorption, shading or flood alleviation;
- Improving mental health;
- Creating more attractive places to work, live and visit;
- Encouraging active transport like walking and cycling;
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- Enhancing biodiversity and opportunities for wildlife.

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d) and e) I refer you to my previous response. Open spaces, including the Green Belt, serve many functions and should be preserved and protected.

h) It can contribute a lot by not building on the Green Belt!

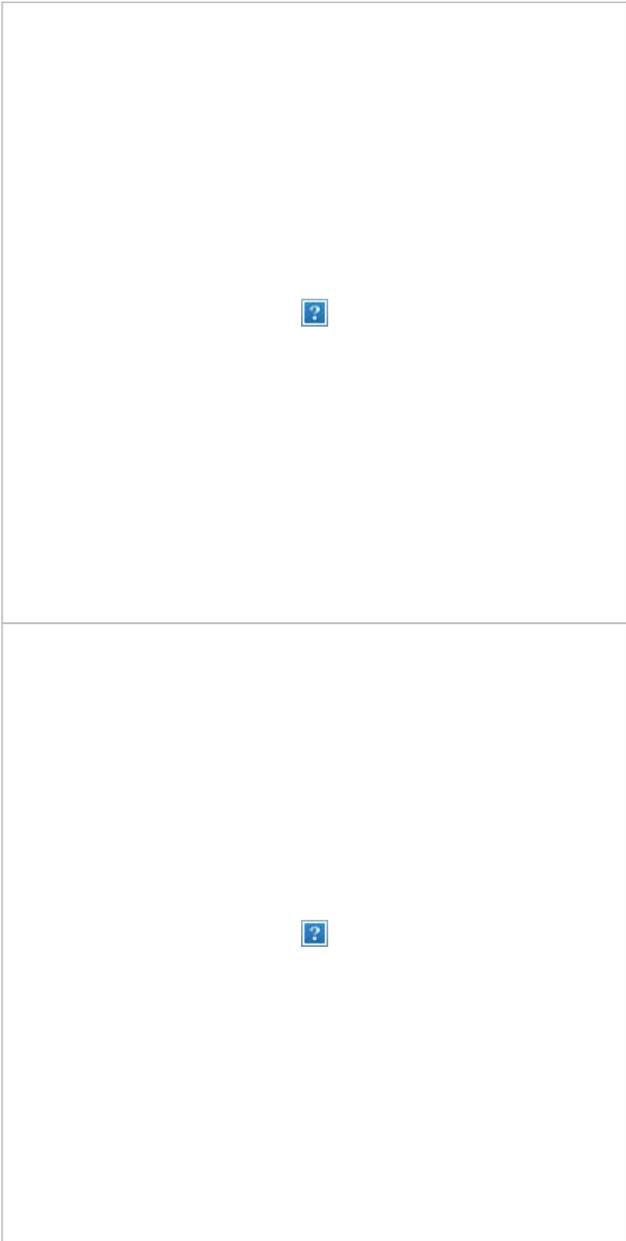
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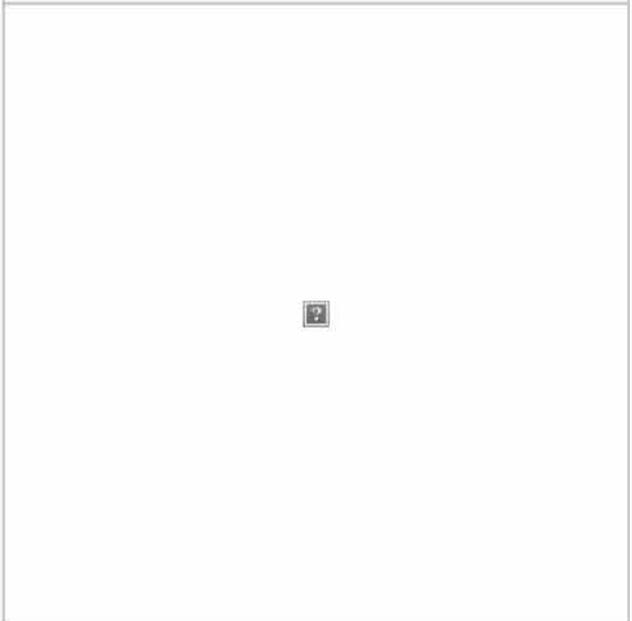
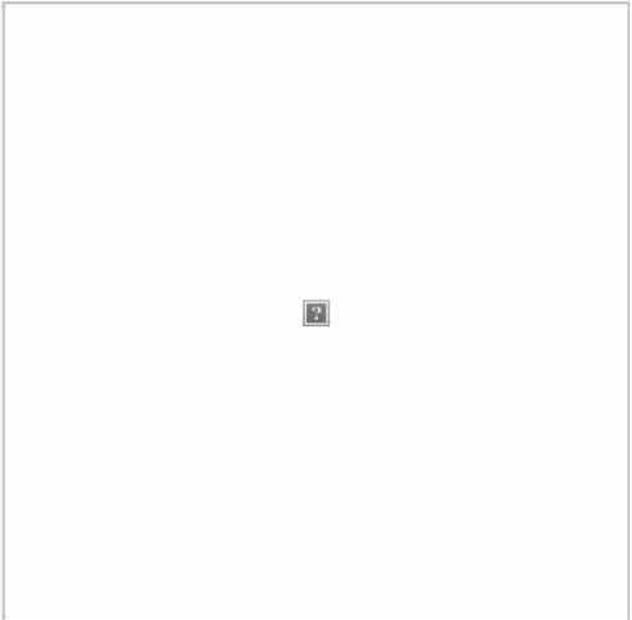
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¹ Note: this has not been updated, but the figures quoted have not changed significantly since 2017

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High density developments. Consider the current proposals for the Colosseum Retail Park *as an example* of what the ‘high density’ developments are likely to look like. According to representatives of the development company, the current proposal for developments at the Colosseum Retail Park is for some 1400 units, all of these being flats. They are intended to be a mix of bed-sitters, one bed, two bed and ‘family’ flats, accommodated in a mix of 3 storey, 12 storey and (one) 20 storey blocks. There are tiny ‘pocket parks’ but, it appears, no play areas for children.

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Aside from pockets of civic planting there will be no real gardens available to these residents. The social and therapeutic benefits of gardening [are well-known](#). The charities Mind and Thrive (amongst others) have pointed out that as well as providing physical exercise “gardening can help you feel happier, healthier and more confident and [can help] people who may be going through a difficult period in their lives or are experiencing stress, anxiety, or depression”; research reported in psychology and nursing journals support these contentions. Furthermore, families with an average or good income will seek homes that have gardens for their children to play in, and nearby parks where they can meet with an play with their friends. Therefore the development of so many homes in high density arrangements with no access to real gardens – rather than pockets of civic planting that individuals are unable to engage with – is of real concern.

Taken together, the obvious corollary of this is that any larger units are extremely unlikely to be privately purchased as family homes. They are more likely either to be bought as ‘buy to let’ properties for letting to groups of young people (ie, homes of multiple occupancy) or to be

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The Colosseum developers estimate that the proposed development will create 400 jobs. As outlined above, however, it also proposes the creation 1300 homes, ranging between one and at least three bedroom. Taking 'two-bedroom' as an average across the development as a whole, and assuming an average of 1.75 persons per two bedroom (to account for some single-person dwellings and excluding children from the calculation), the development is likely to house a minimum of 2,275 adults.

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This must be borne in mind not just in finalising the Local Plan but in considering future planning applications. Building high and cheap on land that currently provides employment will simply serve to exacerbate the challenges the borough is already experiencing.

Building on the Green Belt A second proposal is to build on sections of the Green Belt. The idea is to draw up guidelines that would ensure only 'high quality' homes are built in the area. This implies that these homes would be aimed at wealthier people, presumably either employed in good jobs or retirees.

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Sadly this is not currently available on the GNER Govia line services beyond Gordon Hill. Train services to Crews Hill station are poor, having been reduced in frequency to just two an hour throughout the day despite objections from residents. There is no tube line out to that part of the borough and extremely poor bus services.

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One of the other suggestions is that the historic town centre can be further developed upwards (by building on top of existing flats on top of shops) and by filling in land currently given over to retail (the Town Centre Management Plan suggests that Tesco might end its tenancy and the area given over to housing in the future).

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Evidence exists for sites that would accommodate around 30,000 homes, providing the transport system and infrastructure is upgraded. These sites would not damage or impinged on the Green Belt. One of the attractions of living and working in Enfield is the short bus ride to open country. This is a great resource for all people living in the borough.

Crews Hill's garden centres are great employers and provide the means and opportunity for us to embellish our own properties. The area would be better utilised as a place for crop/food production which would increase its usefulness without destroying the environment.

The Green Belt is too valuable to lose. Common sense tells us it provides environmental, ecological, economic, public health benefits. These 'positives' have been identified – exercise care and control over the Green Belt and please leave it alone.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in response to the consultation of the proposed Enfield Local Plan and in particular how it would impact my local area and community.

The Enfield Local plan highlights ALL stations as centres for growth and assumes that each station has good public transport accessibility. However, with only 4 trains per hour Hadley Wood does **not** have good public transport and is in the lowest Public Transport Access Level zones across the whole of Greater London as measured by TfL. Simply having a train station is not an adequate definition of accessibility.

- Hadley Wood is not an appropriate area to target housing growth. It should be explicitly excluded from the Council's growth strategy
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Any small site development must protect the natural environment. Enfield policies need to be enhanced to meet the Mayor of London's target of 'no net loss of bio-diversity' and to include stronger flood mitigation measures. These policies must also be adequately enforced.

With almost 15,000 new homes targeted for small sites across Enfield, policies are required to ensure that investment in transport, education and schools, health centres is strategically planned and delivered.

- **Any presumption of planning approval for small sites should be dependent upon the existence and delivery of strategically planned investments in public services.**

Hadley Wood is fortunate to be surrounded by Green Belt on all sides. I do not support any significant changes to Green Belt designations, this would have a severe, adverse impact on the environment and local area.

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I feel very strongly about this matter. We have to protect the environment. I am a very keen conservationist. Please don't put houses on green belt land.

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We are therefore particularly concerned that Crews Hill has been singled out for release from the Green Belt. This is a long-established - and we believe now unique in London - area of nurseries, aquatic centres, retail outlets and all manner of landscaping, garden furniture, pet food suppliers, etc. The garden centres and other businesses there provide employment for many and are an invaluable resource for people from Enfield and beyond. As high density housing developments proliferate around London there will more than ever be a need for people to have access to a spacious and accessible area such as Crews Hill with its multiple and diverse amenities. Its horticultural activities should also be encouraged and enhanced so that it can once again be a hub for food and plant production, especially as we may in future need to rely less on imports of perishable fruit and vegetables from Europe.

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Good Morning

I have lived at Merryhills Court all of my life my parents moved in to the estate in February 1953 when I was just 6 months old, I bought the property through my mother in May 1988.

I am writing to you with regards to in regards to Enfield Council Housing draft plan in relation to housing estates (page 44) while I would welcome any renewal part of the plan I am however concerned with any plant to add any additional properties to the estate of Merryhills Court be it by adding properties on top of the existing blocks or any other additional properties within the estate.

The reason for my concerns are as follow.

The area has already undergone some very intensive developments in the surrounding areas the has already added to traffic congestion with all the added noise and air pollution that this has brought.

There is a major problem with parking on the Merryhills Court estate with not enough parking spaces for the existing residents this is not to mention the problem of none residents parking in the estate grounds which causes further difficulties for the residents. The local GP practice is under terrific strain as things are at the moment with out the added increase of population that this would bring.

I agree with the protection of the green belt as once this has been built on it will never again be used as such

There are a number of brown fill sites in the borough that could and should be used for any increase to the housing In the Enfield borough. The existing residents quality of life and needs should be considered very seriously first .

I am a committee member of the Merryhills Court Residents Association and have worked for local government for nearly 20 years

I must protest any changes that will destroy or encroach upon ANY of the Green Belt in Enfield.

It is vital that our Green Belt is secured for generations to come.

I want to protect the Green Belt in Enfield.

Enfield is renowned for its Green Belt beauty offering the tranquility of feeling further out of London than we actually are!

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I agree with all the bullet points on the leaflet we received.

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Dear Planning Team

I am totally opposed to any review of green belt boundaries.

Paragraph 9.3.8 of Enfield's green and blue spaces states ' Only if it has been demonstrated and concluded that it is necessary to release Green Belt land for development, in line with the NPPF, the Council will give first consideration to land which has been previously developed and/or is well-served by infrastructure and public transport. There are already strong sustainability arguments in favour of developing on some Green Belt land, for example, Crews Hill could provide a highly accessible hub for growth supported by all necessary infrastructure.

I do not believe that the Council have demonstrated and concluded that it is necessary to release Green Belt for development to meet the challenging new housing targets. I also do not agree that there are strong sustainability arguments in favour of developing on some Green Belt land, for example, Crews Hill. A recent report by CPRE, and the Enfield Society - Space to Build, Enfield clearly shows that there are numerous opportunities, and whilst Enfield itself may have few planners who can invest their resources into a proper Masterplanning fit for the future, this is not an excuse.

The fact that Councillor Ahmet Oykenner, Cabinet Member of Property and Assets, is on record as saying that you will consider building on 5-7% of Green Belt land, is also extremely worrying. This implies that the Council have already decided that it will not explore the appropriate options both under the NPPF and importantly the London Plan. This may also be further evidenced by the number of landowners in Crews Hill who have seen a significant increase in approaches from developers since this consultation was launched. A major developer, who lists Enfield as a partner has already purchased the significant Wyevale site for the provision of housing.

Personally, I am extremely concerned that any reviews of Green Belt boundaries totally fly against the principles and purpose of the London Plan, which seeks to make London a better place to live. Enfield is part of London and in taking its own stance gives little thought to the impacts its departures from the principles have on neighbouring boroughs and London's overall health and need for lung around it's City.

The council already completed a thorough and green belt boundary review adopted in 2013. This is still current and appropriate and as a result, should not be used as a vehicle to facilitate the release of Green Belt land to developers, for enormous profit.

I believe consideration also needs to be given to the increasing pollution caused by the M25, North Circular and busy A roads, which if anything mean that we should be creating even more protected green spaces, around our City not selling to the highest bidder.

Paragraph 9.2.3 also states that 'There is also the scope for the Council to undertake a more thorough Natural Capital Account of the borough to understand how the benefits of green infrastructure are distributed across a broader range of green infrastructure types and areas in Enfield. Natural Capital Accounting can also play a role in assessing planning proposals and the Council is at an early stage of exploring these opportunities.' This is commendable however should this not be done before any plans for green belt reviews are explored.

I would also like to put on record that I am disappointed that the Local Plan page despite referring to previous consultations, and stating that the summaries are available, does not provide links to the previous data. Enfield Conversations are mentioned but the responses from 82% of people who stated that Green Belt should not be built on, are completely missing.

Dear Sirs,

We are writing to express our grave concerns at the possibility of more homes being built in Hadley Wood.

This area is a small community badly served by local transport.

We have few trains per hour & have had to fight to keep these

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We have no local GP or dentist & have to travel to Potters Bar or Cockfosters – not a bad thing about 10 years ago but now with the huge traffic increases this takes too long. We suggest someone comes & sit along Cockfosters Road at the weekend to look at the high flow of traffic – flow being the operative word as sometimes in the middle of the day the cars hardly move. This shows the area can't cope with another influx of people.

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We advise all our clients to go to crews hill to have a look at materials and other items for their gardens.

It's also a great place to walk around to look for inspiration not only for us but the general public as well.

How can you possibly think of taking away a place that is so well known and visited by people far and wide.

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Yours deeply saddened

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I have stopped here for years
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Dear Sir

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Please designate sites like the Chase Farm Hospital site for development before any parks such as Trent Park or any other parks or recreational areas are encroached upon.
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I am concerned that Crews Hill has been singled out for release from the Green Belt. The garden centres and other businesses there provide employment and a resource for people from Enfield and beyond. Instead of losing Crews Hill for housing, its horticultural activities should be encouraged and enhanced so that it can once again be a hub for food and plant production.

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The Green Belt is too valuable to lose for all the many environmental, ecological, economic, public health and other reasons that have been identified. The Council has a duty of care for the Green Belt, in accordance with the London Plan and the NPPF, and any intentions to release parts of it should be taken out of the local plan.

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It cannot be allowed to happen!!

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