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To Whom It May Concern:

I write as a resident of Oakwood for many years. I am thoroughly dismayed at what Enfield Council is proposing for our green belt.

I refer specifically to the following:

Special Strategy S.24

Policy SPPL10 pages 80-87 and Fig. 3-11

Policy SPPL9 pages 77-80

To even think of developing the land adjacent to the A110 (Oakwood to Enfield) and the area around Crew's Hill is absolutely diabolical. These areas represent what is so special about living where we are. Beautiful green spaces and wonderful landscaping all of which enhance our borough.

Clearly no thought has been given to the environmental impact of the proposed buildings. We need the old trees to help mitigate global warming, we need the woods to keep the animal and insect biodiversity that is becoming ever more important in the current state of our planet, not to mention the the aesthetics. Thousands of people regularly walk these wonderful byways to enjoy the country and all it has to offer.

Many questions are raised by these ridiculous plans: how will the local infrastructure cope with the additional population - schools, hospitals (already we are woefully short of hospitals in the area, particularly since the closure of the A&E at Chase Farm - how many more emergency cases can the North Middlesex or Barnet cope with?), doctors, parking, shopping?

Any one of these developments will cause more pollution than can possibly be imagined. Already we are subject to roads that are overcrowded (and let's not get started on unused bicycle lanes which have caused major roads to be clogged thus putting more fumes in the air by idling cars in traffic jams).

Who at Enfield dreams up this stuff? Yes, there is a need for more affordable housing in London, Enfield included. However, you should be looking at empty spaces (i.e. the site of the old library near Bincott Road) and underused or abandoned buildings and shopping precincts on which to build affordable housing.

Start thinking out of the box and keep your hands off our Green Belt.

Thank you for your attention.

