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I live near to Crews Hill and I very concerned about the proposals to build homes at Crews Hill and at the top of Hadley Road.

Even though I understand there is a need for housing, it should not be at the expense of the Green Belt. Once this is lost, it can never be recovered. During the recent lockdowns I have seen how people from urban areas have come to the area to enjoy the the green spaces.

Crews Hill itself is unique and not only provides jobs but also brings revenue into the area, with people coming from all over London to visit the garden centres. The land is also used for farming and is a habitat for a wide variety of wildlife. Furthermore, building on these sites, will only contribute to urban sprawl and increase traffic and pollution in the area and place a burden on local facilities. This is in addition to the proposed loss of parking at Cockfosters underground station, which is a perfect location for people to use 'park and ride' facilities if they want to commute or travel into central London or to Heathrow Airport.

There must be brownfield sites that can be used for housing rather than destroying areas where the environment should be protected. If these proposals are allowed to go ahead, where will it stop? Will the entire country become an urban jungle at a time when we are being told that the environment has been severely compromised? I urge you to ensure that these green spaces and family businesses are not destroyed as they are so important to the local community and beyond.