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I am writing to you to voice my concerns about what is happening around the future of the Borough. I moved to Enfield in 2004, and I now work here too. Whilst I am not unrealistic about some of our problems, I do think that generally the Borough is a good one, and whilst we need to progress, there is much to value and protect. Just for clarity, I am not allied to any group, I am simply speaking as a resident.

I have seen the latest proposals for additional housing, mainly in the north of the Borough. I am worried that they will encroach on valuable green space, do not provide the type of accommodation that is genuinely needed, and that proper consideration has not been given to the alternative of brownfield development.

Similarly, the early proposals around Palace Gardens present an unwelcome intrusion on the nature of the area. I appreciate that no planning proposal has been submitted as yet, and that the area needs some form of regeneration and renewal. However, a massive development of high-priced apartments aimed at a rental market of singles and couples, rather than sensibly priced ownership for families, cannot be the right way forward. We need a population with commitment and buy in to the area.

Thirdly, I must also express my dismay at the proposals for Whitewebbs Park. If we've learned nothing else during this horrible pandemic, we should have learnt that our open space is a lifeline. Certainly, that has been my personal experience. To allow a further encroachment on this public space is unacceptable, and the proposed income, reported as £100k pa, is not going to substantially improve other sport and leisure facilities. I'm sure that we all appreciate that it is a mere drop in the ocean.