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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you as a resident of the Borough of Enfield to oppose the draft Local plan to build on our precious green belt.

Over 25 years ago I moved away from the city to live in Cockfosters, as city life was choking my very existence and my mental health was suffering. I chose to live in Cockfosters, as there was a wonderful feeling of community, green belt land with wonderful trails, fantastic open spaces and an abundance of nature on my doorstep. Moreover, during lockdown these wonderful spaces were a lifeline not only to myself but to thousands of LBE residents. I truly couldn't think of anywhere better to live and was proud to be an Enfieldian until now.

After reading the draft Local plan I was absolutely shocked and bewildered why the LBE think it is acceptable to take possession of land designated as protected to build housing. What part of protected does the council not understand? It is vital that the green belt remains untouched, otherwise Enfield Council will only further add to the current climate crisis, urban sprawl and destroy forever much need green space. The council have taken an apathetic approach to the housing shortage in Enfield and taken the most uncomplicated and straightforward route, which is totally improper and unscrupulous. The council must go back to the drawing board and come up with a more prudent approach to the housing shortage. It is imperative that our green belt is protected for future generations and Enfield Council must support this campaign. The green belt is non negotiable.