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Dear Councillors,

I write to strongly urge you as elected representatives of the people of Enfield, to listen to your residents views of the proposal to build on Vicarage Farm and at Crews Hill on **Green Belt** designated land. I am a 4<sup>th</sup> generation Enfield born, bred and still live in the best borough in London for its mix of town life, diversity of population but with the best green belt areas. The Green Belt cannot be allowed to be destroyed and built on during our 'watch' after many years of being enjoyed, protected and incredibly valued by the people of Enfield and the whole of London.

As you will be fully aware the Mayor's 'London Plan' does not allow building on Green Belt so by way of this Enfield Council is **completely ignoring** the 'London Plan' and failing to acknowledge the climate emergency we were only hearing about this week and London's desperate need to retain its valuable greenspaces. This is not just an issue that effects the people of Enfield and other neighbouring boroughs but the **WHOLE** of London and it's health. The Green Belt has always been known as the 'Lungs of London' beneficial to all residents in trying to keep down emissions and store value carbon. At a stage where we now have registered causes of deaths of pollution you **CANNOT** allow building on the Green Belt.

Please read more detailed and specific objections as set out below:

**Specifically for Vicarage Farm "Chase Park" Enfield:**

- Ignores vast amounts of brownfield sites within the borough in need of regeneration, instead going for the easy option most damaging to the environment
- 5000-8000 homes proposed by the developers likely to **double** the Highland's Ward population – how can this be justified?
- 3000 homes proposed by the Council should not be considered a compromise option, **NO** Green Belt land should be built on and the precedent it would set is alarming
- Enfield target house building of just over 1,200 per year yet a proposal of nearly **8 times** this amount is being put forward with a plan to **2039** (yet the London Plan runs to 2029)
- Untenable pressure placed on the local road system, notably the very busy Enfield Road, Ridgeway and Hadley Road, the first two already clogged with traffic at school/work times and not yet seen the full increases in traffic from the Chase Farm housing development including two new yet to open schools on the said same site
- No **additional hospital or GP surgeries** facilities placing yet more strain on Chase Farm, Barnet and North Middlesex and local GPs compromising the health of your constituents
- Massive loss of mature grassland, ancient tree and hedge habitats to numerous species including Bats, Red Kites, Buzzards, Tawny & Barn Owls, Deer, Hedgehogs, Woodpeckers and Foxes, and disruption to the precious but fragile environment which once lost can **never be replaced**
- Loss of such a vast green area being turned over to concrete will have a direct impact on carbon absorption in the area and lead to higher heat levels from climate change
- The new tree-planting trumpeted by the Council is not an effective offset for the wholesale loss of farmland – they will take years to mature
- Significant construction traffic, dust and poorer air quality due to road traffic during and after completion
- **Increase in death** and serious illness of asthma and breathing difficulties due to the

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- Loss of recreational space – the footpaths were incredibly popular with walkers, cyclists and riders in the pandemic and continue to be so. Significant threat to health and wellbeing.
- The developer's assertion that the housing estate will make access to Trent Park easier for town dwellers is ludicrous, those that want to go there now walk to, or park there
- Loss of the once celebrated efforts from the anti-aircraft station off Enfield Road that helped play a significant contribution to the protection of London during WW2

**Specifically for Crews Hill, Enfield:**

- No consideration for the loss of green environment vital for mental wellbeing, recreation and fitness of the community
- Lack of capacity on the transport links from Crews Hill as the trains during rush hour run at frequencies of full timetable track capacity already
- Untenable pressure placed on the local road system, notably East Lodge Lane, Cattlegate Road, both already clogged with traffic at school/work times and not yet seen the full increases in traffic from the Chase Farm housing development including two new yet to open schools on the said same site
- No additional GP, hospital, schools, or leisure facilities in the Crews Hill area
- Loss of small businesses which are unique in the whole of north London that bring employment and revenue to the area and man visitors from the whole of north London
- Whitewebbs Golf Club was cited as closing due to other golf clubs being in the area (Crews Hill) which would close under the housing build proposals
- Loss of vital wildlife habitats, woodland, hedgerows, farm fields, open countryside and green spaces and mature tree soaking up the pollution and carbon from the ever saturated M25 in the locality
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Building on the Green Belt at either sites above is **NOT** the answer to the housing problem and from the strength of opposition and of local opinion, the same people who gave you their vote to represent them.

Please understand the strength of feeling conveyed to you in the above and act in the strongest terms to save our Green Belt from hideous development and irreparable damage.

I would be grateful of a reply from you regarding the above matter.

