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To whoever it may concern

I am writing to share my objections to the Draft Local Plan. I hope you have the time to read a little about me and why I really want Enfield Council to consider alternatives to building on Green Belt Land and Countryside such as developing the Brownfield sites across the borough.

My name is Alev Jemal and I have lived in Enfield since I was 4 years old (almost 36 years). My parents moved here from Walthamstow because they wanted to raise their children amongst some of the most beautiful land that London had to offer. I am eternally grateful that they did, life was not without its hardships but our environment with its open space, clean air and wildlife was one that certainly helped me cope when my mental health was challenged on more than one occasion.

I have been a secondary school teacher for over 15 years and even though I have always taught outside of the borough I chose not to move out of it, as the stickers in the shop windows state 'we love enfield' is an extremely fair and true statement of many many residents.

I have a 12 year old son and 3 dogs and we make the most out of the open spaces where we walk, mountain bike, explore the nature trails, and regularly visit the garden centres and cafes of crews hill (which are iconic, even my colleagues in East London talk about the area!)

We are proud Enfieldians and if you truly know what that means you will understand that we will do whatever it takes to preserve the heritage of the land, the ecological systems, the wildlife, the economic benefits and the communities that are brought together because this land is what makes Enfield so rich in comparison to other London boroughs. Take that away and what have you got? Negative news stories about rising knife crime, high unemployment, and corrupt council members...

How wonderful would it be if Enfield Council became nationally known as a council who fought to protect its geographical make-up, who fought to protect the quality of its air and streams, and the health and well-being of its residents. Let's inject some pride into our council. I am begging you to consider the lives of all current and future Enfieldians when considering your plans for re-developments. I am very well aware that there is a need for housing but it is absolutely essential that brownfield sites are considered as the sole option for this - if these sites are not developed they will be sold off for industrial purposes which will bring more pollution into the area and if you have already taken away green spaces the science has already shown us that this will have a detrimental impact on our health and wellbeing.

I write not just as a local resident but as a Londoner. If this plan becomes successful and precious green land is built on it sets a precedent for other councils to do the same fast forward 10, 20 years to the rise in air pollution and the decline in mental health everywhere - **THAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY.**

I am begging you, let's future proof this land for us and the generations to come.

