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Good evening Enfield council,

I have been urged by my resident's association to contact you in regards to the strength of feeling about building in the Green Belt.

I would like to know if Enfield Council is trying to destroy every last good thing about this Borough?

Are you determined to turn everywhere into ghettos and housing estates where people stab each other every day?

The Green belt and especially Crews Hill and its garden centres are unique not just to the UK but in Europe, people come in their thousands every year to visit the area and love the surrounding green spaces. They come from miles away especially to spend time here as it has a wonderful atmosphere. There are some beautiful walks through our parks and once you are walking down some of our footpaths and you wouldn't think that you are in London. The increased use of our green spaces and garden centres last year proves this.

In this time of increasing mental health problems we should be preserving areas like this as it's been proven that spending time in our fields, footpaths, parks and woodlands and seeing wildlife lifts the depression that affects so many people. I worked through the Covid-19 pandemic last year and come home from a stressful day at work dealing with people on the frontline every day and as soon as I get on the Ridgeway driving through the fields with beautiful views I can feel myself physically and mentally relax.

To look out of my kitchen window and see trees and green with loads of birds flitting about is very calming and peaceful. We have so many species here including raptors such as red kites and buzzards which wouldn't be here if it was turned into a giant housing estate.

There are Fallow and muntjac deer, the occasional (now rare) hedgehog, badgers, foxes, pheasant & partridge to name just a few of the species we see. These all live, breed and hunt in the areas they want to build on.

Unfortunately my neighbours have been allowed to extend their house and I have now lost a quarter of my view and look out on their concrete wall instead of trees, I don't want to look out onto any more houses as our garden backs onto land in the proposed development site. It would be a travesty if everything went the same way and we turned our Green belt into a concrete jungle, we need to save it for future generations so they don't have to travel for miles just to see fields. They are the lungs of London and if they are lost then we are just going to suffocate the people that live here.

How can this be allowed to happen in such a bad time for climate change when we should be increasing our green spaces and clinging on to what we have left? I don't think you have any clue what this means to people, Enfield doesn't need more homes built on the green belt, there are plenty of grey and previously developed sites, empty warehouses and empty offices in the Borough that can be used.

We don't need more homes built on Green Belt land, we need someone who has the balls to turn around and say NO to the destruction of our Borough and say NO to the unrealistic housing demands.

My parents moved out of Edmonton and Tottenham for a better life and were lucky enough to find it in Crews Hill, please don't destroy it.

To build on any of the green belt means that we will NEVER get it back and it can NEVER be recreated.