

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express very grave concern over certain aspects of the draft Local Plan.

My main concerns are regarding the proposed use of Green Belt land for development, particularly Vicarage Farm and, slightly less importantly, Crews Hill.

The Metropolitan Green Belt is designed to prevent urban sprawl and the infilling of green spaces with development. As such the Green Belt areas within Enfield are absolutely essential to preserve the very nature of the Borough and to provide essential open space for recreation, wildlife and farming. The Green Belt should be considered sacrosanct and not developed. If the principle of large developments on Green Belt land is agreed then there will be no stopping future developments and Enfield will eventually become almost completely urbanised to the detriment of its residents and wildlife.

The proposed development of the Vicarage farm site as detailed in the Cromer Homes proposal is nothing less than disgraceful. To build this number of dwellings on virgin farmland which is supposed to be protected by being Green Belt land would be an environmental assault the like of which has never been seen within Enfield before.

I do not accept that it is necessary to build on Green Belt land in order to meet Enfield's housing needs for the foreseeable future: there are large areas which could be defined as Brown Field and which could be developed with low to medium rise buildings.

I therefore urge in the strongest possible terms that Enfield Council reconsider the proposals to build on Green Belt land, especially Vicarage Farm.

Yours faithfully,