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To Enfield Council

According to a recently delivered Council leaflet, the Local Plan will "protect the unique heritage of our borough, invest in our green spaces and enhance our local wildlife". It will also, apparently, "support our local economy by identifying employment floor space and creating jobs". It is obvious when looking at the Plan, however, that the consequences of the Plan will be the complete opposite.

Green Belt and green spaces -

The Draft Local Plan proposes development on "just 7% of the Green Belt". This sounds a small amount but the Green belt was designated for a reason. The Covid crisis has proven that we all need outdoor space for our physical and mental health. Gardening, especially growing our own food, has become an important tool in helping people to cope with the pandemic issue yet it is proposed that Crews Hill in particular - a thriving and unique area of garden centres and many other franchises which brings people into Enfield and is far from being "a disgrace" - is to be demolished. Other green spaces such as Vicarage Farm and Rammey Marsh, an area important for wildlife, are also earmarked for housing. More housing will result in the need for more schools, GP surgeries and other infrastructure. This would require using even more Green Belt land. Once these houses have been built, more housing will be needed in another five years time until eventually there will be no more Green Belt left.

Jobs -

Using Crews Hill area for housing will result in the loss of hundreds of jobs and livelihoods as will the plan to build on all the major supermarket sites in the borough. I fail to understand how this can benefit Enfield residents. I have spoken to various employees, including management, at different places affected and none of them appear to be aware of the Council's threat to their jobs.

As one of many thousands who strongly oppose the Draft Plan, I hope the Council will listen to the views of the residents and reconsider before the character, green spaces and amenities in Enfield are destroyed for ever.