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Sirs

From what I have read in the draft plan, I would like to register my disapproval for the plan to build new homes on green belt land.

Rather than begin the breakdown of the Green Belt around Enfield to build new homes and all their associated needs they will generate, surely all brownfield sites around the borough should be surveyed to see how suitable they are for new build. I draw your attention to the disused car park in the centre of the town which has been closed for many years and was once meant to have homes built on it. The only use I have recently seen it put to was for travellers during the first lock-down last year. As it is opposite the council car park, makes it seem absurd that it is not used for its original purpose until it is, if ever redeveloped.

If green belt sites are used, will the infrastructure be up-graded to reflect modern household use and needs; will they be environmentally friendly so as not to contribute further to pollution and will the road network around the proposed new sites be up-graded?. In the plan you mention housing will be of a high quality, hopefully it would be sympathetic with the environment of the green belt as well.

Where I live on Clay Hill, there are frequent accidents caused by drivers not familiar with the road. The recent building of bus stops for the 456 service have contributed to new traffic incidents, where impatient drivers are not prepared to give way at the bottle-necks they have created in narrowing the road width. As you are probably aware fatalities have happened when drivers failed to negotiate the camber of the road at the right speed and turned wide to compensate, smashing into my neighbour's cars, and in the case of the fatality, their garden walls. Building homes on the green belt will exacerbate this problem in my immediate area, unless the train service is increased to meet the new demand (NB. the service has not resumed to the pre-lockdown timetable and still cannot run a full reduced service.) there would be more cars driving into London, for work and leisure reasons. There is also a lack of shopping amenities in the area which would necessitate travelling to Enfield Town, unless there are plans to include a shopping centre as well.

I am concerned that building on the green belt will not achieve the affordable housing the Council says is needed, and to my knowledge never has. I hope you will take my comments as an Enfield resident of many years seriously, as to my knowledge the green belt originated to prevent urban sprawl.

Yours faithfully