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Dear Sirs

I have been reading the local plan with interest.

More and more homes, but shops and other facilities, for example Crews Hill Garden Centres, will be lost for ever in this drive for more and more new homes. Car Parks gone, shops gone. Just because there is a high density of building around Edmonton Green doesn't mean that all the other stations should be the same surrounded by high rise buildings. 316 homes proposed on the Cockfosters station car park could mean up to an extra 600 people. With a number of supermarkets being lost where will these people buy their food and other items. None of this makes sense. The removal of these food stores will also create job losses which appear to provide the council with the sum of £3,500 per job lost, but it will also increase the unemployment in this area.

Cockfosters is the end of the Piccadilly Line. People are encouraged to travel to work in London by public transport. However without a car park that could mean a long (possibly half an hour's) walk. Not too bad on a fine summer evening, but not so good in the winter and in the dark. Before anyone says what about buses? Buses do not run everywhere and the "hail and ride buses" are often quite slow and don't come very frequently, so are not so good if you are travelling any distance.

The proposed density of housing and loss of amenity green space will create overcrowding and urban sprawl. The Vicarage Farm area and land to the south of the Enfield Road form a wildlife corridor and habitat for bats, skylarks and other creatures.

Crews Hill is an iconic area that people from all over the country come to visit while staying in hotels in the area. It would be a tragedy if this unique area were lost for ever.

The Covid pandemic and lockdowns has emphasised the importance of green open spaces and countryside. The Merryhills Way footpath is a delight to walk on, a bit of countryside on the edge of London on the edge of fields, which is different from walking through a forest.

This plan should be re-thought and the green spaces in Enfield as supported by the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, should be retained. Option 1, 17,000 new homes would be more manageable and could possibly have been achieved without destroying green spaces and necessary car parking.

Yours sincerely,