

---

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you regarding the development of the greenbelt areas surrounding Trent Park and Vicarage Farm.

While I understand the need to provide housing for families living in overcrowded or temporary accommodation I believe the use of greenbelt land will be counterproductive.

My reasons are as follows:

1) Although Government policy is to require Councils to release greenbelt land, I believe there has been insufficient research into the development of brownfield sites. London also, has large numbers of empty properties, some of these properties have stood empty for years and I feel that all other possibilities should be explored before greenbelt land is developed.

2) The need to take into account the climate crisis is essential when considering the development of greenbelt land. We know now that the world is heating at a faster rate than ever. Scientists believe that England will experience greater rainfall levels and much higher temperatures over the next decades. As more land is built on the risk of flooding increases and as the area around Trent Park has numerous streams and ponds the chances of severe flooding becomes inevitable.

3) Local infrastructure is already struggling to meet the needs of existing residents. The proposed number of properties to be built will put a huge strain on schools, hospitals and GP surgeries, roads and all other public services. How can Enfield Council manage this huge increase in population when Government has cut Council budgets for the last 10 years.

Please take into account my serious concerns about this proposed development when making a final decision

Yours faithfully