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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to register my opposition to the Draft Local Plan for the following reasons, mainly relating to the use of green belt land for any form of development.

1. The plan to allow the development of various parts of the green belt within the borough of Enfield would result in the permanent loss of historic open spaces, which date back over many centuries and provide open views of the countryside. As well as the loss of countryside views, many acres of potentially food producing farmland would be lost forever. Vicarage Farm was a food producing farm before it was bought by property developers and since they bought it, it has just been used as a stabling and exercise area for a few horses. It is pretty obvious that the owners were always intending to develop the land as soon as they could. Surely the preservation of the green belt should take precedence over the profits of developers.
2. The proposed Local Plan goes against the London Plan, which seeks to protect the Green Belt. Enfield Council should be taking the London Plan into consideration, rather than the profits of developers.
3. The proposed development at Vicarage Farm would result in the loss of any countryside views from Merryhills Way footpath, which I have enjoyed using over many years and, particularly during the pandemic, this has been a lifeline enabling many enjoyable walks for myself and my family.
4. Loss of countryside views from Hadley Road and Trent Park. What is now a beautiful view would potentially be a view of hundreds of new houses and flats with very little green amongst them.
5. Loss of Habitat to wild life including deer, badgers, voles, newts and many more beautiful creatures.
6. Once the land has been developed we will never again have a green and pleasant borough which has proved to be such a good place to live. Please do not allow it to be destroyed/developed, but protect it for residents to enjoy and for future generations to enjoy.
7. There are many other opportunities within the borough to provide new housing, particularly at Meridian Water, which would avoid the destruction of the green belt. These options should be pushed forward.

Please will you note my reasons for objecting to the Local Plan and reconsider your proposals so that the Green Belt is fully protected. Thank you

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