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Crews Hill Development
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Regarding – Crews Hill – in north Enfield

If any change of use or Planning Approval is granted for Crews Hill ...

Just think of the following consequences, for the Horticultural Trade & people who love Gardening and Nature.

For Crews Hill has been a well-established collection of Garden Centres for 50 years at least, probably 60 or 70 years now.

It's long been known for it's collection of Garden Centres from far and wide, that give a wide range of choices for the Gardener, and the Horticultural Trade too, from many types of Plants, to Pots of all sizes, various types of Compost, and all the Tools needed to grow plants, to nurture and help a Garden to blossom.

In Crews Hill, British Garden Centres, took over the previous Garden Centre run by 'Wyevale', there have transformed it into one of the best Garden Centres of all, investing 100's of £1000 of pounds in relaunching this Garden Centre, it is brilliant for everybody to enjoy.

Gardening is a great practical outdoor interest, that is life-long for many people, and its an interest that brings people together from all different backgrounds, to make great friendships in a common interest.

This time of this dreadful Coronavirus Pandemic has shown, that we need Nature more than ever, and a great many hundreds of thousands of people have taken up Gardening.

There is nowhere else locally for people to go to, to find such a great collection of Garden Centres.

So if it all closes, The Suppliers loose trade, the Lorry Drivers loose work, the Garden Centres loose trade, and a great many employees will be made redundant. Peoples love of Gardening and Nature will diminish, to everybody's detriment, when there are no colourful gardens to walk passed, and admire; because Crews Hill gets covered in Bricks, Concrete & Tarmac, and wipes out Nature !!!

We need to learn to love Nature, respect it, and live with it, and not abuse it and destroy it, to the detriment of everybody and Nature.

Capal Manor College, that teaches Horticulture as one of its Land Based Studies, and is only two or three miles away from Crews Hill, could end up with fewer Students applying to study Horticulture, which could have a knock on effect to the College employing less Lecturers in Horticulture.

The Enfield in Bloom competition might just as well close down.

We NEED the Garden Centres of CREWS HILL, protect them for ever.

I trained in Horticulture at Capal Manor College myself twenty years ago, and have enjoyed Gardening ever since, and worked in the Garden Centre, that was locally known as the Duke of York, run by Wyevale Garden Centres, in Potters Bar, before the sad demise of the Wyevale Group. I worked there for 13 years.