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As a resident of a neighbouring borough who greatly enjoys and values the Green Belt of North London I am writing to ask you to remove all proposed Green Belt development from the Local Plan and to revise the Draft Local Plan to make greater use of brown field sites within the Borough.

The Green Belt is a priceless asset for the natural environment and human mental and physical health. There is evidence that the experience of green countryside and open space is far better for human well being than gyms or other artificially created exercise facilities. For this reason I would prioritise access to Green Belt over the development of a community exercise facility at White Heart Lane . It costs nothing to walk in the countryside while access to leisure facilities is increasingly charged for and controlled.

The planet is facing a climate and biodiversity crisis. Especially at risk are trees. Any plan to build on open space will hasten this catastrophe.

I am surprised that the Draft Plan includes high rise building. I believe there is evidence that similar numbers of people can be accommodated in better planned low rise buildings. I also believe that most people would prefer not to live in high rise buildings. Certainly it is not desirable for families. High buildings will change the visual environment drastically and have a dramatic impact across a wide area, to the detriment of the total environment in North London.

I am sceptical that development in the Enfield Green Belt areas will make a very big contribution to the amount of affordable housing in the borough. It is more likely to be the 'Executive Homes' type of development beloved of property developers with an eye to maximise profit. Also the areas proposed for development are not well served by public transport and are fairly distant from centres of employment, shopping, schools, health facilities etc . This will inevitably mean a vast growth in car traffic and dangerous and noisy roads. Even electric vehicles produce significant pollution from tyres. Most people would find the new developments too far from shops etc to consider cycling.