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I wish to register my objection to the local plan to build houses on the green belt land, particularly on Vicarage Farm.

This area is used by the local community as a rare, healthy environment, enabling them to walk and breath clean air away from the increasingly traffic-choked roads in the surrounding area. It is an area that people can walk to, rather than drive to, and is a sanctuary for wildlife. If this land is built on it will change the nature of the area forever, destroying not only the natural environment, but adding significantly to traffic congestion and pollution.

It is already extremely difficult at times to get out at the bottom of our road due to the already high levels of traffic, and buses are delayed in jams all the way to Enfield Town. This proposed development would increase the congestion even further, to the detriment of the lives of those already living in the area.

In addition, many householders in the area bought homes specifically because they are on the edge of the green belt and apart form the destruction of the green belt itself, building on it would destroy a safe place to walk for people and dogs. The alternative is walking on the Enfield Road or Slades Hill, both very busy roads where traffic travels at speed very close to the often narrow pavement.

Also, a development would put increased pressure on local services which are already strained. With so many schools in the surrounding area, traffic on local roads is horribly congested, and getting worse.

Therefore, any such development would adversely affect the nature of the area, destroy historic land going back to at least Tudor times, and impact on the health, both physical and mental, of the existing community.