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I am writing in regards to my utter dismay that Enfield council is even considering building on the greenbelt and seems determined to turn this side of the borough into the new Edmonton full of housing estates where gangs thrive and people are stabbed and shot on a daily basis.

I have lived here on and off all of my life (47 years) my parents have lived in Hornsey, Tottenham, Edmonton, Enfield town and Enfield Highway, they settled in Crews Hill in 1970 where there was peace, quiet and green spaces in which to bring up me and my sister. The area is famous for its garden centres and green spaces which are visited by many people and were a lifeline to some of these during the recent lockdown.

I had to shield for part of this and if I had been unable to get out into the parks and woodland all around I think I would have been driven crazy, we also have big skies and a decent view so I didn't feel hemmed in by buildings.

The area is part of the old Royal Chase and had seen many monarchs including Henry VIII and Elizabeth I hunt around here and stay their Royal lodges at Elsynge Palace and the Palace at Enfield where the precinct now stands.

These woods and green spaces cannot be replaced once they are gone and the destruction of this area has been a concern for local residents since the completion of the M25 in the 1980's.

The horrendous mess that the works at Holly Hill farm have caused has been a nightmare especially in the winter and this cannot be allowed to continue.

The infrastructure around the area cannot cope with the amount of housing proposed especially now that Chase Farm has no A&E department and there has been no mention of schools, Doctors, Dentists etc.

In this current era of massive climate change and frequent flash flooding concreting over even more of the borough should be discouraged at all costs and green spaces should be conserved to help cope with and absorb surface water.

The greenbelt has been described as the lungs of London and you are deliberately trying to suffocate us, no amount of replacement green space can possibly replace the ancient woodland and diversity of the flora and fauna that exist here.

You can also tell Tottenham Hotspur to keep their filthy hands off Whitewebbs as well before they destroy it or sell it off for yet more development yet again shutting out the local community, I seem to remember this was highly opposed in the beginning but somehow it managed to get built no doubt with a large amount of cash waved around.

The vicarage farm development really needs a rethink as well, 6 storey flats, are you mad?? 4 will be bad enough for the people that live there.

We need to utilise the grey areas in the borough, unused warehouse/commercial space & all the empty offices that could be converted into units.

Please please don't let the greenbelt disappear forever, we only get one chance at this and once it's gone that's it you can never get it back again.

The origins of the name say it all En-felde, the clearing in the forest, not the concrete jungle.

Listen to the people who voted for you and do what's right we do not want to become another Edmonton.

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