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The historic importance of Enfield Chase and the Green Belt cannot be under estimated.

The explicit aim of the Middlesex County Council in 1955 was to acquire a large tract of manageable countryside in the public interest. Presently this makes Enfield a pleasant borough in which to live where there is green and accessible countryside for all to enjoy.

These areas provide lungs for London thus helping in our aim to provide cleaner air for all Londoners by cutting pollution levels.

Recognising the need to provide more housing while balancing the need to protect the environment that we enjoy here in Enfield will need careful thought.

I am particularly concerned about the following proposed developments.

Crews Hill Policy SP PL9 pages 77-80 & Concept Plan figure 3.10

Spurs expansion SA62 page 383 & SP CL pages 277- 279

Vicarage Farm SP PL 10 pages 80-87, and figure 3.10

At present Crews Hill area is well frequented for gardeners and horticulturalists from far and wide besides providing pleasant places where refreshment can be obtained in peaceful surroundings. It sits well in a rural setting which would be lacking in an urban sprawl of housing.

Spurs expansion appears to be an excessively huge area (42.5 hectares of land) which is claimed to be used for "professional sport, recreation and community sports/leisure uses". Many of these facilities would seem to be beyond the reach of our poorer members of society. If situated in more central locations of the borough they would be able to provide for a greater use .

Vicarage Farm which is owned by farmer Rob Hayward whose livelihood would be ruined has farmed with high regard for the care of wild life and sustainably. This would be a great loss and send out to the public a message that we don't give high priority to excellent farming standards.

Enfield possesses an extremely rare and valuable landscape - an asset which would be a great loss if given over to an ill considered sort of development.