

**Proposed residential development on the local Green Belt countryside.**

I appreciate you feel that this more rural part of the borough should take some responsibility for the projected need for more housing. I am fortunate enough to live near Hillyfields Park and Whitewebbs and believe me I count my blessings every day. I came to Enfield over 40 years ago and always wanted to live in this area. It took a while to get here but was worth the effort. 2 1/2 years ago I moved house to downsize but only went 2 roads away, so reluctant was I to lose Hillyfields.

In principle I am against housing development on prime agricultural land in our Green Belt. It is short sighted and just plain wrong. Food supply from this country will be ever more important post Brexit. We have some of the best agricultural land in the world and a better climate than many. We need to make the most of it.

Water is also a precious resource and we are increasingly short of it. Our laws on regulation about its maintenance and use are outdated and inappropriate. Increased population could break them. No water! It doesn't bear thinking about. Or rather it does!

Air quality has always been an issue in the Lea Valley corridor with an up draught from inner London contributing. Increased population, more cars, more effluent will further downgrade its quality.

As it stands the Green Belt provides recreational peace, tranquillity and the opportunity to walk and take other forms of exercise. It looks nice as it is. Do you really want to spend money on man made parks and other recreational areas when all you need do is leave it to the farmers. Will anyone want to come here if all they see is a sea of houses? No peace with so many cars on the move and the nearby M25 motorway ever more busy.

Hillyfields and surrounding areas would be a rubbish tip if it wasn't for local private individuals who regularly litter pick. Only people who love and respect an area would do this. I much appreciate the council collection of dog waste, which has improved the environment so much, though holiday times (like now) it is sadly missed...

More houses in the Green Belt areas will make a few people rich but the majority will not have a stake in the new housing estates. Will they even want to visit? Let alone move here because it was once a better environment.

I am also against high rise buildings in the Enfield Town area and elsewhere. It is a short sighted plan and just plain wrong. Please Enfield Council, reconsider your options before you give away what is not yours but belongs to all of us.