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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to submit my views against certain details outlined in the council's Draft Local plan. In principal, for a council to outline a long term plan to identify land and property that can be developed to provide more homes, is a good idea. However, I strongly oppose to including land that sits within London's Green Belt.

I understand that the council's target of 25,000 new homes could be achieved if the draft plan is approved as it stands, but I do not agree with the notion that if parts of it are changed to exclude Green Belt land, that the plan as a whole is rendered unworkable and fails to deliver the target figures. Other solutions should be, and can be, investigated.

The Plan should not include Vicarage Farm, Crews Hill Golf Course, and other Green Belt locations. New homes can be built without slowly chipping away at the lungs of London, and I stand with the Mayor of London, that we should collectively do everything in our power to preserve the Green Belt for future generations.

With climate change, air pollution and other negative impact environmental issues, we need more green spaces, trees and wetlands. The council has embarked on addressing some of these issues, however, if there is to be more development on Green Belt land, then what the council are currently doing, in planting trees and building wetlands, will render the Enfield Chase Restoration inefficient, even more trees and wetlands will need to be provided.

Development on Green Belt land will increase traffic flow, congestion and pollution, and will undoubtably affect our collective physical and mental health.

The argument that just because the east of the Borough is densely developed, then he western boundaries should also be densely developed, is shortsighted, confrontational and has no basis in logical thought.

London's Green Belt benefits us all - ONCE THE GREEN BELT IS GONE - IT'S GONE!

Yours sincerely,