

I am writing to express my great sadness at plans to destroy areas of Enfield Green Belt for housing.

New housing should be built in places where social infrastructure (eg public transport) already exists.

Using this criteria, brownfield sites would be much more appropriate. Enfield's plans to build on the Green Belt are contrary to reducing the borough's carbon footprint. The houses will be purchased by people who think it is OK to drive everywhere. They will have the perfect excuse, because public transport will be lacking. This new housing will not meet the needs of our most vulnerable residents, but will be purchased by rich outsiders.

As somebody who has enjoyed the local footpaths and countryside, over many years, I am insulted that the developers say that they will provide rewilding. This will not compensate for the loss of habitats and countryside.

This will be a sop made to country lovers, by a rich development company, whose only interest is profit.

My concern for those in housing need, is that the council should be concentrating on the construction of housing that really is affordable to our lowest paid workers, many of whom work in social vital roles.

In addition, I would like to say that:

(a) Any planned development in Enfield Town should reflect its character, rather than the profit motive of rich developers.

(b) Firs Farm Wetland, only recently created, must be preserved at all costs. If it is destroyed, it will be a tragic waste of a beautiful resource and important habitat. There must be a more sensible alternative, than destroying it to create a crematorium - presumably run by a for-profit organisation.

