

Dear Enfield Council

I object to the proposals in the draft local plan to build on green belt. In particular, I object to the proposal to build on vicarage farm. This site is particularly special, it is beautiful, open countryside, is a designated place of special character and is part of the heritage of the area.

I use the Merryhills way footpath regularly with my family, friends, and my dog to exercise, to access Trent Park and just to get some fresh air and respite from a busy city. Many adults and children depend on these fields and the vista it provides for their mental and physical well being. Our local cubs groups which my children attend use the footpath.

It is so special to walk along Merryhills Way and see no buildings, no light, no traffic, just fields, nature, mature trees etc. It feels very rural and natural and the views from Trent park across the valley are outstanding as are the views over it from Enfield Road. It would be devastating to build on this site. It's rural nature would be destroyed. I would not want to walk along the footpaths if there were houses either side of it!

It would be an environmental disaster to build here. There are kites and kestrels, bats, stag beetles and all sorts of wildlife that depend on these fields. Development of this site will destroy all of this at a time when we should be preserving our ecology.

A housing development will cause much light pollution at a time when a dark night sky is becoming a rarity and light pollution known to have ill effects on humans. It will cause significant noise pollution, from additional households and their vehicles, from rubbish trucks and delivery drivers all servicing the needs of the proposed development. There will be increased vehicles on local roads. The Enfield road is already very busy and noisy with cars travelling along it consistently from early morning to late at night. We need to reduce this noise pollution not increase it. The toxic fumes emitted by existing vehicles is already significant and many children walk to school across this busy road. We need to reduce toxic emissions not increase them. The local Infrastructure can not cope with this development on this site.

Please exercise your duty to preserve the green belt. It will not provide affordable housing. It will destroy the character of Enfield and affect generations to come.

Please take our views into account.