

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to voice my opinion on the proposed development on green belt land. It is ironic that this is being suggested now during the covid pandemic when the original green belt was instigated in 1580 around the City of London to curb the spread of the plague. During lockdown the green space we had around Enfield was quite literally a breath of fresh air to most of us. I have friends who live in more built up areas of London who didn't have the luxury of green space that we all enjoyed in Enfield.

Even though the proposal is only to develop on a portion of the land, this sets a precedent and I can't see how future development can then be stopped. The Borough of Enfield is a large and diverse Borough with many strengths and weaknesses. I don't think anyone would argue that the green belt isn't one of its best strengths.

I grew up in Enfield, lived and worked abroad for some years and then returned to Enfield to bring up my family. One of the deciding factors of resettling in this part of London was to be on the edge of the green belt. I can remember learning about what the green belt was and the reasons for it in geography lessons at school. Do we want future generations to look back and learn about how those precious green spaces were lost just at a time when the environment was balancing on a precipice?

I implore those in power to make the right decision and think of the environment and of our mental health which we know is very closely linked.