

I have recently been made aware of the large proposed plan to build on agricultural land and green belt in the Enfield borough. I no longer live in the borough, but feel I need to put my name with the many I am sure you already have objecting to this plan.

I will keep this short as you will already have many communications stating the same objections as I have. Listed below are the referenced sections to which I object.

Section 2.4

Policy SP PL10 Pages 80-87 – fig 3.11

Policy SP PL9 Pages 77-80 – fig 3.10

SA45 Page 364

SA54 Page 374

Firstly in the light of the present pandemic it has become clear that using the outdoor space that we have be it a garden, allotment or even a balcony or window box is of great benefit to mental health. Problems in mental health have increased during the present problems and that must be addressed. Crews Hill is a major contributor to those who find relaxation and enjoyment and much needed outlet from stress in gardening and is always busy so destroy this area would be an enormous loss to the community. The area also provides much needed employment to many local people and this is obviously very important particularly to those who find themselves without work due to constant redundancies as businesses restructure in order to recoup lost revenue.

Secondly I object to the loss of green belt spaces lots of which contain historical areas that are important to retain in order to keep the heritage of the borough alive for present and future inhabitants. Seeing pictures in books is no substitute for seeing the real thing. It is no less important to keep these open green areas for the benefit of wildlife, which surely we are all aware needs to be nurtured if we are to keep our present environment afloat and even improve it. Of course last, but not least these areas are much needed by the community in general for those who do not have their own outside space to enjoy, for those who use these spaces regularly for exercise, another much documented health benefit, and for people who need to get away from the concrete jungle and destress for an hour or two. Being out in green areas with fresh air has great benefit to those suffering depression, which is another condition we are seeing on the increase.

Lastly I feel it is foolhardy to destroy our agricultural land. It unbalances the environment which as I mentioned before is rapidly declining and with our ever increasing population this land must be kept in order to produce the food needed locally, keep people in employment and help us from importing more and more from far flung areas of the world at high prices in fuel miles.

There are large areas in the borough that have dilapidated houses, flats and unused factories and office spaces that could be put to use for housing and this in turn would rejuvenate the area without destroying out beautiful countryside.

