

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as I'm very very concerned about plans to build housing and other purposes on Green Belts in the Enfield area when there are so many grey belt areas that could be used. It's criminal for so many reasons that these plans are even considered on these sites!

These green belts are not only a rare escape in increasingly built-up areas, helping people to value the countryside that Enfield prides itself on having but also important in helping to prevent localised flooding and traffic congestion.

Vicarage Farm area is an area that we and many other people used for exercise and relaxation (for physical and mental health)!

The farmland could be put back into productive use, growing local food for local people. That's more jobs for the area! Crews Hill is equally important and shouldn't be replaced with housing. The garden centres and other businesses provide employment and a resource for people from Enfield and beyond. Instead, horticultural activities should be encouraged and enhanced so that it can once again be a hub for food and plant production. Why destroy such an important part of North Enfield! The traffic congestion is already too much for those roads!

I understand that Enfield needs housing development and I do support that Enfield needs more housing but I strongly object to the proposal to release Green Belt for housing or other purposes.

I believe (as do many other residents) that there are alternatives available to meet housing targets and that the Green Belt is a precious resource that should be protected and preserved for future generations. The Council has a duty of care for the Green Belt, in accordance with the London Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework [NPPF], and any intentions to release parts of it should be taken out of the local plan.

Green Belt is gone, it's gone; it will ultimately only benefit the developers.

What kind world do want for the future of our children?