

To whom it may concern,

I am an Enfield resident and I am extremely supportive of potential plans to build thousands of homes on Green Belt land. There is a housing crisis in this country and many people - particularly the young - are finding it nearly impossible to get onto the housing ladder, because the amount of money needed for a deposit in order to get a mortgage is simply unattainable for most people. This state of affairs is even worse in London than in the rest of the country.

The one thing I would strongly suggest the council to think about - assuming they do decide to go forward with building these homes - is to ensure that they properly plan for the infrastructure necessary to accommodate thousands of new households. One thing in particular which I would remind the council is that GP surgeries in the borough are already overstretched in many cases. If thousands more people come to live here, then the council will need to ensure, as a priority, that it has enough GPs and GP surgeries to be able to provide proper medical services to everyone in the borough. I am not stating this to provide a reason why development should *not* go ahead, I am stating this as something the council should properly plan for in order to ensure that such development *can* go ahead.

I am sure the council is well aware of the phenomenon known as NIMBYism - "Not In My Back Yard." Very few people seem to deny the need for new housing stock in this country - they just don't want it built near them. I put it to the council - and all the political parties on the council - that they have an opportunity to break this constant cycle of building plans being cancelled due to pushback from NIMBYs and set an example for other local councils across the country.