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Dear Enfield Council,

DRAFT LOCAL PLAN REG 18 CONSULTATION 2021

I am shocked to find that many of the sites proposed are part of historic Enfield and, even more importantly, represent the **rape of the GREEN BELT**. We have already lost acres of Trent Park to housing including, unbelievably, the Hunting Lodge used by the Tudors for hunting on Enfield Chase! This was all land used and loved by locals and people escaping from nearby heavily built up areas.

This part of Enfield helps to protect the area infected by the heavily congested and frequently at a standstill, M25 (only two miles away).

The remaining parts of historic Enfield are unique in the south east and a rare and valuable asset. Once lost, the **GREEN BELT** is gone forever. These developments will not only destroy the character of Enfield Town but **damage the GREEN BELT for ever**.

All the farmland destroyed constitutes a loss to the local community and the country of valuable food resources at a time when the world as a whole is fighting to protect the environment and feed the massive and fast increasing world population. I cannot believe that this might happen?!

I also wish to point out that our local farm, Rectory Farm, is not even mentioned, but is included presumably under the umbrella of "Vicarage Farm". This area used to provide cattle for food but, since the sale by Enfield Council of part of the land for conversion to private residential occupation (houses previously occupied by farm staff), has been used for growing crops – also valuable food!!!

The building over of the garden centres at Crews Hill will be a sad loss to the people of Enfield and beyond who crowd there, particularly at the weekends, to enjoy the environment and to purchase garden produce and enjoy meals etc. It will also be a loss of local employment!

Surely it would be more practical and far more environmentally acceptable to develop more brownfield sites, including the further development of Meridian Water, and the redevelopment of unused buildings and warehouse spaces?

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. The London Mayor's publicly stated intention is to allow NO BUILDING ON THE GREEN BELT!

The GREEN BELT is a precious resource and must be PROTECTED and PRESERVED for future generations. It is the LUNGS OF LONDON.