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I urge you to reconsider these plans which I believe to be excessive and badly thought out.

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As important is the fact that the course when in operation provides a vital opportunity, particularly for older people, to take gentle exercise in the fresh air and it is a very good form of exercise for both the upper and lower body, with the swinging of the clubs and the walking. When the course reopened the sheer joy among the older members at meeting up with friends and getting back to some activity was palpable. It was there for all to see and hear.

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I now learn that Enfield redevelopment does not stop at stealing green space. There are plans now to build on nine retail sites and five station and other car parks with the potential loss of thousands of jobs.

I can see the loss of the car parks resulting in only one thing i.e. increased parking in local streets which are already down to half their actual width with vehicles parked on either side. This will only exacerbate the already dangerous congestion issues around the area.

I just have to wonder whatever kind of country this Government envisages for the future. Having paid lip service to a greener future, they then drive a coach and horses through the planning laws thereby opening up a free-for-all as described above. Someone said you don't make poor people richer by making rich people poor. The same can be said for an area. If swaths of the country are to be covered in concrete there may be homes for people to live in but without jobs, roads, infrastructure and GREEN SPACE, it won't be a country fit for anyone to live in.

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In conclusion, these plans for Enfield are

excessive and badly ⁴ thought out and I would
urge you to consider all of that because at
this moment, my trust in the Government
to mean what they say, especially on
environmental matters, is currently at zero.

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I am writing regarding the above plan to build 6000 new homes on green belt land in the Enfield area. As a long-term resident, I wish to express great concern with reference to these proposals for the following reasons.

1. Lack of supporting infrastructure
2. Increased road congestion.
3. Erosion of the green belt.

Firstly, lack of supporting infrastructure. There has already been considerable development in the area with no apparent sign of additional schools, healthcare or other services to support it.

Secondly, increased road congestion. This, I believe, is a real danger and concern. I have lived in

this area. for 40 years and the local roads are currently busier than I have ever known them.

As you may be aware, this location is very close to Junctions 24 and 25 on the M25.

For some reason, there are regular incidents around these junctions which cause traffic to pour off of the motorway onto local roads. We are also close to the A10, another major route out of London and the same thing happens there. Even without accidents etc. already huge juggernauts cut through the Crews Hill area (proposed location for one development) from either of these major routes. In the other vicarage farm - Bramley Road area, motorists have become so frustrated by the congestion there have been instances of cars driving on the pavement, narrowly missing children coming out of school. At certain times including when children are coming and going to school, all the roads around this area are dangerously congested and I have known occasions in recent years when multiple incidents on the major routes here, without exaggeration, led to the whole area within a 4 or 5 mile radius becoming completely grid-locked. No-one could move anywhere for hours.

Thirdly, erosion of green belt. This also is a real concern because once these areas are gone, they are gone for good. I don't know where we would have been in the last 12 months if people, and not just immediately local people, had not been able to relieve the stresses and privations of the Covid lockdowns by getting out into the green

spaces that surround us. You will be well aware of the increased incidences of aggression and even violence towards emergency services, retail and catering staff no doubt exacerbated by the situation we have all been living with since last March.

In conclusion, I appreciate people have to have somewhere to live and it is the unalienable right of everyone to have a roof over their heads, but the sheer size of these developments in this area seems to defy common sense. Also, it feels like the thin end of the wedge. What price, I wonder, the Government's so-called "green" agenda: if more and more green space and natural habitat for wildlife vital for our own survival is built on to accommodate what appears to be a constantly increasing population.

Finally, I would add that I have voted Conservative in every single general, local or European election ever since I was old enough to put the cross on the piece of paper. However, having had the impression the party would support the green belt and environmental issues, I have now lost trust that this is the case. I shall, therefore, have this firmly in my mind when I am next required to vote.

Yours sincerely

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