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Object to Proposal

The green space around our homes in Chiswell Green appears constantly under attack, to the point that responding to the bullying by planners and builders is affecting my quality of life.

The space, the air and environment are precious, and I cannot understand or support developments on green belt spaces when there are numerous brown field sites available to attack first (even if builders have rendered some expensive to develop by dumping hazardous materials on them).

The owner of this plot is guilty of regular destruction of the scrub land by mowing to create and fake image of waste and low biodiversity, but typical and wonderful British wildlife is mown down with it, such life can be seen living just across the path.

I chose to live here for the walks and green space – for an antidote to development. The very developments that get approved for extravagant enlargement and now this ‘infill’ until there is nothing left to infill, all amount to nothing more than urban creep. This creep serves a housing model that encourages profiteering and noticeably has not made homes affordable.

The published evidence on global warming would appear to dictate a far more strenuous effort is needed to protect nature as a safer option for survival than destroying it. These changes if allowed will be permanent because I have never seen a return to built-up to green belt.

Protecting the environment or destroying it are gambling choices; if one is proven later to be wrong for protecting the environment the worst-case scenario, is we have a field of shrubs, trees, skylarks, linnets, weasels etc. The risks if we choose to destroy this plot are likely to be irreparable in the time available.