

## LETTERS AND COMMENT

### ■ GREEN BELT

# Borough is at bursting point

**Ron Jeffries, chairman Aldborough Hatch Defence Association, Spearpoint Gardens, Aldborough Hatch, writes:**

It is good news that the big guns – the FA, Sport England and Sir Trevor Brooking – are backing the campaign to save Oakfield playing fields from being scrapped.

But we note with alarm the Editor's comment (Recorder, January 22) that a pledge to build low cost family homes might appease some of the green belt campaigners. It most certainly will not!

Whilst low cost family homes are desperately

needed, the harsh fact is that Redbridge is full to overflowing, with schools, hospital and services stretched to absolute bursting point. You can't get a quart into a pint pot.

Councillors, our MPs and GLA member need to make crystal clear to government that once brownfield sites in Redbridge have been used to build low cost homes, families will have to look elsewhere in the country to live.

The green belt must be sacrosanct. How would Ilford residents feel if Valentines Park was sacrificed for housing? We feel the same about Fairlop Plain. Once building starts, the green belt will be gone forever. Is a concrete jungle the legacy we wish to leave for our children and grandchildren? I – and many others – think not!