

YOUR OPINIONS

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

Readers may not be aware – although many will be – that the borough's precious green belt open land is under serious threat of desecration.

The Redbridge Local Development Plan (LDP) is out for consultation until September 30. Copies may be viewed at local libraries or on the council's website.

The LDP makes clear the council's intention to build many thousands of dwellings on green belt land at Willow Farm, Billet Road; Ford Sports Ground, Seven Kings; King George and Goodmayes hospitals; Oakfield Playing Fields in Barkingside, amongst other areas.

Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London, stated categorically to the *Ilford Recorder* before his election last year that the green belt of Redbridge is "sacrosanct".

He made clear that there are sufficient brownfield sites in London for all housing needs for the next decade and beyond.

But Redbridge Council is hell-bent on desecrating the open land that is the very breath of the borough.

Services are already overstretched to breaking point.

Once the green belt is built on it will be gone forever and Redbridge will be even more of a concrete jungle.

Is this the heritage we want to leave to our children and grandchildren?

The Aldborough Hatch Defence Association is working hard with other residents' groups to demonstrate that what the council proposes is against the best interests of residents.

For further information, see the AHDA website at theahda.org.uk/localplan.html.