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Concerned that areas in the Thames Gateway beyond London will lose significant areas of their own greenbelt and be swallowed up, losing many of the benefits of living outside of a large City. Despite the good intentions of the Thames Gateway Project, we have yet to benefit from significant regeneration, green infrastructure or transport infrastructure improvements and yet are being made to release large areas of valued greenbelt land whilst London pledges to protect its own.

Concerned about impact on air quality particularly in Thurrock.

Regeneration of previously developed land is welcome but only if market houses are genuinely affordable and made available to people working and living in the area.

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The Elizabeth Line is often stated as bringing benefits to people in Brentwood, Basildon, Castlepoint and Southend but it is faster for residents there to catch the fast trains to Stratford and Liverpool Street and change than it is to change for the Elizabeth Line at Shenfield. These commuter routes need significant increases in capacity (seated not standing) if growth and development are to occur beyond London. I believe that there are significant constraints to the ability to meet this increase in capacity.

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I support the policy to protect London's greenbelt land but NOT at the expense of greenbelt land in neighbouring authorities such as Brentwood, Basildon, Thurrock and Chelmsford, though the mechanism of duty to cooperate.

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I support this but it is important that regenerated areas provide housing that is affordable to people who do not qualify for social housing and help to buy schemes - hard working people who do not benefit from large salaries.

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It is important the landowners aren't allowed to allow green belt land to become derelict so that they can argue its case to become development land.