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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to object to the following Policies: SP PL10, pages 80-87, and Figure 3.11; Policy SP PL9, pages 77-80 and Concept Plan Figure 3.10; Policy SA45: Land Between Camlet Way and Crescent Way, Hadley Wood, page 364; Policy SA54, page 374; Policy SA62 page 372; and Policy SA62 page 383 and SP CL4 pages 277-279 – all of which propose the dedesignation of Green Belt for housing and other purposes.

These sites are part of historic Enfield Chase, which is unique in the southeast and played an important role in the development of Enfield. It is a rare and valuable landscape asset and its loss would cause permanent harm not only to the Green Belt, but also to the very character of the borough.

These developments will have a huge impact on the quality of life for the residents of Enfield and those in neighbouring areas.

These proposals, particularly that of PL10 Chase Park, would cause severe noise and air pollution from the increased traffic during both construction (which is set to last 10+ years) and once the development is complete (given the number of new homes in this condensed area), in an area with a high proportion of children travelling to and from school. This could have several health implications for young children (and adults) who are walking to school past this increased pollution, not to mention an increased risk of traffic accidents involving young children. This would also cause increased congestion during peak travel times on Enfield's already congested roads.

The Green Belt has many benefits for both the environment and local area. A number of trees in the proposed dedesignation sites and also in the neighbouring residential properties are currently under Tree Protection Orders which would be destroyed or permanently damaged should these proposals go ahead. These trees are home to numerous animals and birds which will be displaced, not to mention the root structures removed which will have a significant impact on the water drainage of neighbouring properties (which is already an issue in some places so this will be further exacerbated). Depending on the spread of some root structures, their removal or damage could impact the structural integrity of the current neighbouring homes, causing significant damage.

Enfield's Green Belt is home to many pollinators such as bees, moths and butterflies, and has been identified as a key pollinator migration route (or B-line) for London. With the rapid decline in pollinators being a key concern for agriculture in recent years, any reduction in green space, particularly along a key migration route, is of concern and should be avoided. This is supported by the National Pollinator Strategy for England 2014. These areas have also been marked as sites of local or borough importance for nature conservation in your own Blue and Green Strategy (2021-2031) June 2021, contradicting your proposed Local Plan.

There are many other areas within the borough that could be built upon to deliver the housing needs of Enfield instead of the ones identified in these proposals. The Green Belt should be protected.

