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I would like to object in the strongest possible terms to the draft Enfield Local Plan as summarised in the polices below:

[Policy SP PL 10, pages 80-87, and Figure 3.11](#)

[Policy SP PL9, pages 77-80 and Concept Plan Figure 3.10](#)

[SA45: Land Between Camlet Way and Crescent Way, Hadley Wood, page 364](#)

[SA52 page 372](#));

[SA54, page 374](#));

[SA62 page 383 & SP CL4 pages 277–279](#))

Encouragement for tall buildings, including in sensitive locations such as the town centre conservation area ([see pages 156-60, Figure 7.3, Figure 7.4 and Policy DE6, and SA2 Palace Gardens Shopping centre page 321](#))

These draft proposals clearly breach the Government’s National Planning Policy Framework:

Proposals affecting the Green Belt

147. Inappropriate development is, by definition, harmful to the Green Belt and should not be approved except in very special circumstances.

148. When considering any planning application, local planning authorities should ensure that substantial weight is given to any harm to the Green Belt. ‘Very special circumstances’ will not exist unless the potential harm to the Green Belt by reason of inappropriateness, and any other harm resulting from the proposal, is clearly outweighed by other considerations.

Other parts of the borough are crying out for investment and regeneration. This is clearly the moment to review the numerous brown-field sites that would greatly benefit from developments such as those outlined.

In addition to the well-documented history of Enfield Chase, and its importance to the culture and character of the area going back centuries, this unique haven is of incalculable value to residents right now as well as in the future.

If the last 18 months have taught us anything it is how important green space is for our mental and physical health. This endangered green sanctuary with its network of public footpaths has been a lifeline for numerous people - not just local residents but those from surrounding boroughs too. The wildlife is incredible - listening to skylarks whilst looking at The Shard on the horizon, watching buzzards circling overhead on the thermals, hearing the cries of green woodpeckers and watching red kites as they wheel through the sky. These will all disappear forever if the above plans go ahead.

At a time when the world is literally on fire, we should be doing everything possible to protect our natural world. This crass act of vandalism will destroy a deeply-cherished landscape together with its sophisticated ecosystem. Every inch of green space is more precious than ever. We must oppose this draft plan and

protect our green belt; it is a priceless, fragile gift that we must cherish today and hold in trust for those generations yet to come.