

Dear Enfield Council

Response to the Draft Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation 2021

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this important consultation.

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 SA52 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.

As a local resident, having lived all of my 48 years in Enfield and living close to the sites of proposed development, I am strongly of the view that the proposed developments on greenbelt protected land will have a serious negative impact on my family's standard of living and should be excluded from the plans. We, like many other residents, take full use of these large areas of nature and open space for both exercise and relaxation and enjoy the physical and mental health attributes they bring. Enfield has always been exceptional - it is so close to London with excellent transport links to all that the Capital offers whilst at the same time having such glorious countryside on its doorstep. It also has historic connections as is the only surviving example of a chase. Building on the Green Belt would cause permanent harm to the borough and must be avoided at all costs.

I believe that there are alternatives available to meet housing targets and that the Green Belt is a precious resource that should be protected and preserved for future generations. It is too valuable to lose for all the many environmental, ecological, economic, public health and other reasons that have been identified, especially during the recent pandemic.

The Council has a duty of care for the Green Belt, in accordance with the London Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework [NPPF], and any intentions to release parts of it should be taken out of the local plan.

I sincerely hope that you listen to the objections of the residents of Enfield and act accordingly,