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Dear Sirs and Ladies

I have received a leaflet about the Draft Local Plan Consultation for Enfield, and wanted to take this chance to put my objection in writing. Some of this email is the recommended format of stating exactly what policies I am objecting to, so there can be no misunderstanding of my objection, and the rest is my lay person's additional reasons for the objections.

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; 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.

I also object to Policies SA62 page 383 and SP CL4 pages 277-279 because they transfer part of Whitewebbs Park, a public amenity, into private management. I reject the Council's analysis that Whitewebbs Golf Course was losing money and call for its reinstatement.

I am also objecting to Policy SA52 page 372, which would remove part of Rammey Marsh, a wildlife area and public amenity, from the Green Belt.

I am also objecting to the tall building policies on pages 156-160, Figure 7.3, Figure 7.4 and Policy DE6, and SA2 Palace Gardens Shopping Centre page 321 which propose areas for and the acceptable height of tall buildings which, in many cases would mar the landscape and are unnecessary because other lower-rise building forms could provide the same accommodation, as stated in the policy.

I live in Enfield and one of the things I like most about it is that you don't have to go far to find green spaces. It is certainly something I valued highly during the lockdown when we could only go out for exercise for limited periods of time. Having an abundance of varied green spaces, meant we didn't suffer the plight of some of the inner London boroughs whose limited parks were overrun with exercisers and people seeking time out from the confinement of their homes. I continue to make use of the greenspaces, as therapy for my own mental health issues – without this valuable space to walk and cycle in (largely free from traffic – wow! Have we noticed how aggressive drivers have become) the cost of treating me would be more, plus if my health gets worse I could become job less, then homeless, and of course some of the symptoms of poor mental health would ultimately impact my physical health creating further drains on the local and national resources. I can't believe that we have already forgotten how valuable green spaces have been to so many during this pandemic, whether it is escaping the apartment that has no outside space, getting out to see other humans doing 'normal' things and have some sense of community (i.e. not alone ness) even if we couldn't have real social contact, going out to give the children a chance to run and play in nature, or meet the farm animals and learn about

the environment. Let us learn the lessons that the pandemic taught us about how valuable our green spaces are, and will continue to be even in 'normal' times, let alone another pandemic...and how important that they should remain varied (not just parks and gardens, but farms too) and freely available to the public.

I understand the need for housing, but I do not understand the desire to build on our greenbelt instead of the council doing everything in their power to make use of existing stock first and to point construction companies to those opportunities. I received another leaflet saying that the council has used up all grey stock – this is simply not true...there are deprived areas all over the borough that can and should be regenerated instead of demolishing the greenbelt. Not far from my home are garages that seem to serve no purpose other than somewhere for people to flytip. Let us not just take the easy route – too much of doing that is why the planet can no longer sustain us. Trying to get back the greenbelt after we realise that we should not have destroyed it in the first place is much harder and much more expensive than trying to regenerate existing areas that are not being put to best use...and what of the damage done in the meantime! Let us mean it when we say we care about the environment; we have a reputation for being throw away Britain but we can change our game and not be such a wasteful people...

Losing the greenbelt damages the environment and the earth's ability to renew our air. We are already seeing across the world the effects of environmental damage, and the effects of human arrogance in failing to respect nature and thinking we can build wherever we want...we are not the bosses we think we are, mankind is certainly innovative and resilient but we have not yet found a way to control nature and our environment. And there is cost to individual and national wealth in having to deal with the fall out of man made environmental disasters.

Loss of the greenbelt reduces the resources available for people to look after their own health – it has been proven that just taking time out in nature improves resilience and mental wellbeing. Poor mental health is bad in itself, but it has links to other health issues that plague us as individuals and as a society. Prevention and self help are preferable to burdening people and the health system with treatment. And if we don't really care that much about the burden of poor health because we believe it will not be our lot then note that that burden is also financial...surely you are all interested in good use of limited financial resources. Poor health has a cost to individual, local and national wealth of having to deal with illness rather than finding ways to prevent it or to take action sooner when better options are available for completely turning things around.

Loss of the greenbelt reduces individual and national wealth through loss of local solutions for food production, which in turn only increase the carbon footprint of meeting our food needs when we must source from afar.

I hope that my email is not in vain, and that you will take up the call to save our green spaces and to challenge the lazy and greedy amongst us to work harder to find solutions that are different, more sustainable, more environmentally friendly, more people friendly, more big picture thinking. Regeneration of existing stock is a much more sustainable solution for housing. It may not be the easiest short term solution, and there will of course be resistance from many whose interests are vested in turning the greenbelt into homes, or extending the amount of greenbelt owned by corporations, but it is the better solution that many alive now will enjoy the benefits as well as safeguarding those benefits for future generations.

Thank you for your time in reading my email. I hope that you will be able to find the time and the drive needed to take the steps to save greenbelt in the UK, starting with saving the greenbelt in Enfield.