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Dear Sirs

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this extremely 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 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.

I have lived in Enfield my whole life and am passionate about the area, its resources and the community. It distresses me that potentially our beautiful green belt land could be decimated and the landscape changed forever. Areas of the Green Belt that are targeted for development are home to endangered species and rich mosaics of biodiversity, which cannot be replaced.

Most of the sites in the plan are part of historic Enfield Chase, which played such an important role in the development of Enfield. The remaining parts of the Chase are unique in the southeast and a rare and valuable landscape asset. The loss of these sites would cause permanent harm not only to the Green Belt, but also to the very character of the borough. Vicarage Farm is crossed by the Merryhills Way footpath, which is much-used by Enfield residents including myself on a regular basis and others for exercise and relaxation and the physical and mental health attributes of the footpath would be destroyed by development. The farmland could be put back into productive use growing local food for local people. Crews Hill is equally important to the borough and should not be destroyed. Its garden centres and other businesses provide employment and a resource for people from Enfield and beyond. I know many people come from afar to enjoy this area. Instead of losing Crews Hill for housing, its horticultural activities should be encouraged and enhanced so that it can once again be a hub for food and plant production.

While I support housing development and support the ambition to meet Enfield's housing needs, I strongly object to the proposal to release Green Belt for housing or other purposes. 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.

The proposed housing off the ridgeway which I am particularly concerned with as this is closest to me, would have a severe impact on local infrastructure. Single lane roads in the area would be considerably impacted along with services such as doctors and schools.

I totally object to building on our Green Belt land. I would urge Enfield Council to consider other sites such as industrial land which I understand other authorities in London are doing which would make it possible to accommodate more high-quality development without wrecking our beautiful Enfield countryside that myself and other residents love and need for many reasons.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email. Thank you.