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Dear Enfield Council

**Response to the Draft Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation 2021**

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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 de-designation of Green Belt for housing and other purposes.

My objections focus on our losing areas of outstanding natural beauty in Enfield's Green Belt that will be lost forever to all Enfield residents and all our future generations. It will undoubtedly make Enfield a far, far worse place to live.

I understand the need for more housing but why can we not use existing brown field sites to their maximum and also look at office blocks, that as a result of the sea change brought about by Covid-19 pandemic, render many of the office spaces redundant. Surely these could be reworked or redeveloped into affordable housing.

Also it is very unlikely that affordable housing would be built in an area such as Vicarage Farm as developers will look to extract maximum profit by building high value, luxury accommodation in this area, rather than the intended affordable housing. It is also unlikely that high density housing would work in these parts of the Green Belt. Surely high density schemes are more feasible using brown field sites like B&Q, Merdian Water, Enfield Town Centre Ross House and St. Paul's church and Cockfosters car parks developments which should be more than sufficient.

Currently I and many people use the Merryhills Way footpath in Vicarage Farm, walking in the fields is a real tonic to maintaining good health and a boost to wellbeing. This would be destroyed by development.

I feel that Enfield's Green Belt is too precious to lose. The Council has a duty of care to protect the Green Belt in accordance with the London Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework [NPPF], and any intentions to release parts of it, particularly Vicarage Farm area should be taken out of the local plan.

The comments provided in this response to the consultation are my own views.

Kind regards

