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Dear Sirs,

I would like to express my opposition in the strongest terms, to the proposals contained within the draft local plan especially in relation to the destruction of so many **green belt areas; Vicarage Farm**, land next to Trent Park and green belt between Oakwood & Enfield Town (Policy SP PL 10, pages 80-87, and figure 3.11), **Hadley Wood** (SA45: Land between Camlet Way and Crescent Way, Hadley Wood page 364); Office & Industrial development proposals at **Ramney Marsh** (SA52 page 372). I also believe that the historic horticultural tradition in Enfield that offers employment and locally produced food is something that should be valued and maintained. I do not believe that the proposed long term expansion plans & development at **Crews Hill** (Policy SP PL9, pages 77-80 and Concept Plan Figure 3.10) are appropriate or desirable. It also looks like you are proposing to develop on Whitewebbs Golf Course; this should be retained as a local amenity.

I also oppose the proposed development of the agricultural land east of Junction 24 of the M25 at part of the **New Cottages and Holly Hill Farm** within Enfield chase, (SA54, page 374) for new industrial storage & distribution (this should be on the A10 not on agricultural land!)

I also oppose the expansion of the Spurs Football Training Ground (Whitewebbs Lane up to the M25) (SA62 page 382 & SP CL4 pages 277-279) – it should not have been allowed to be built where it is – squeezed between important unique historical sites of Enfield – and any expansion will not only damage the green belt but could also threaten those nationally important areas of Forty Hall, Whitewebbs and Myddelton House. Much of the proposed development sites in the Green Belt are within the old boundaries and threaten the nationally important historic Tudor Hunting ground of Enfield Chase.

In addition, I am also opposed to the suggestion that Tall buildings (DE6:Tall buildings (pages 156-159)) are acceptable in the Borough notably the centre of Enfield Town (Palace Gardens), Enfield Town Station, and at the other locations indicated in the plan. In fact, I am totally amazed that the idea of building such high rise buildings in the centre of Enfield Town, & at various local train stations would ever be seriously considered let alone be included in the draft local plan in the first place! Many of these stations are art deco in design or reflect the historic development of railways in area, and any high rise development would be totally out of character in those areas.

I understand that the LBE are like so many councils under pressure to provide new housing to alleviate the “housing crisis” we are facing nationally. However, I re-iterate my question that I asked when I responded to your original consultation 2018/2019; *who are you building these houses (homes) for?* If it is to house families currently in temporary accommodation or others that are homeless then ALL the homes being built in Enfield (and in the rest of the UK) will not meet their needs and therefore will not go anywhere near resolving the problem. Why? Because people on low or no income need

good quality social housing via the local authority or by Housing Associations, not over-priced detached/semi-detached or luxury “apartments”.

Over the last few years genuine opportunities to re-develop brown field sites for social housing has been lost in favour of profits for developers themselves – I really don’t understand why 20 or 30% “affordable housing” is ever acceptable as by implication the remaining 80 or 70% must be by definition intentionally unaffordable??!!

The proposals contained within this draft Local Plan contradict and undermine the purposes of the London Green Belt which was to prevent urban sprawl and provide defined areas separating urban and countryside. It also will result in the fragmentation of agricultural land and areas of natural habitat which will impact local farmers and wildlife. Due to the very real threat of climate change and the unknown impact that this will have on food production being in the fortunate position of having local horticultural tradition may prove more useful in the future for local food security. Allowing developers to build expensive homes on such site will only add to their profits and will not tackle homelessness or lack of affordable rent/housing. It will increase traffic congestion, local pollution and put increasing pressure on all the local road systems, and amenities. Enfield’s A & E capacity has been reduced by a third with the down grading of Chase Farm Hospital (were any of those new homes social housing?)

Brown field sites should be re-developed but it should be done sympathetically with the local areas, and should favour refurbishment/re-purposing of old buildings and not demolition. I would like to see a commitment to protecting what remains of our historic landscape including much loved local public houses. The council should also accept requests to protect/list old buildings including particular houses if suggested by local people. I would like to see a commitment to protecting the remaining houses built along The Ridgeway to stop developers buying and demolishing them for their own profit.

I hope that you will listen to local residents concerns about the proposed changes in the Local Plan and will act upon them. Local people have every right to object to such changes as it they that have to live with the consequences of bad planning decisions.

Yours faithfully,