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I am writing to give my feedback on the draft local plan. My first piece of feedback is that the length of the document and its complexity is completely prohibitive to allowing genuine and meaningful consultation with residents. I consider myself to be an interested resident, and I know this document is an important one to comment on, but with a full time job and 2 toddlers, there is no way in the world I have the time to read a 300 page document and digest it. I can't even imagine how anyone for whom English is not their first language would even begin to comment on this. And so, the response you will get to this consultation will mostly be from local campaign groups who are focused on a particular issue - and thank goodness for them taking the time to read through everything, summarise it and help people to be able to respond.

My particular objections to the plan are below:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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 do also think that the council should wait for the 2021 census results to be published to have a more informed picture of our population and predicted growth.