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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 designation of Green Belt for housing and other purposes.

One of many benefits of living in Enfield is the proximity of Green Belt which will be adversely affected by this plan. In addition, most of these sites that will be affected by the Local Plan are part of historic Enfield Chase. The remaining parts of the Chase are unique in the southeast and a rare and valuable landscape asset. The loss of these sites would affect the quality of life of people in Enfield as well as the very character of the borough. Vicarage Farm is crossed by the Merryhills Way footpath, much-used by Enfield residents 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. I am always surprised and delighted that many people from other boroughs know about Crews Hill. Its garden centers and other businesses provide employment and a resource for people from Enfield and beyond. Instead of losing Crews Hill for housing, its role as a horticultural center of North London should be developed and promoted.

While I recognize the need for housing development and support the council's aim to meet Enfield's housing needs, I strongly object to the proposal to release Green Belt for housing or other purposes. I am alarmed that the Enfield Council is proposing this at this time when majority of people and the government are focused on preserving our natural environment. I believe that there are other sites in the borough available to meet housing targets and they should be used instead. The Green Belt is a precious resource that should be protected and preserved for future generations. Its environmental, ecological, economic, health and wellbeing benefits, especially during the recent pandemic, should not be underestimated. 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.

Many of us who live next to the Green Belt feel truly blessed with the benefits of nature at our doorstep. It would be an immeasurable loss to lose this priceless environmental asset.

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

Regards