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I am writing to object to the direction of the Draft Local Plan. It is a totally travesty and an utter failure of the Local Authorities responsibilities to it's residents.

It ignores the desperate need for redevelopment of numerous derelict and Brown Field sites that blight the whole of Barnet and Enfield and instead provides developers with a free pass to build on the the last bits of public green field space that remains. The brown field sites are more dispersed and more expensive to develop but can provide as many housing opportunities yet while the authority allows developers to take the easy option of new sites they will not take these on. This is just a lazy simplistic plan and not one that in anyway looks to the future. Rather than an in depth detailed look at what would make sensible sustainable development it is just a pick list of potential green field land. Where is the analysis of current 'developed' areas and all the derelict sites???

I specifically object to the following Policies that will be devastating to the wellbeing of local residents:

- 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, there is little enough green space remaining in North London and has been seen following the Covid Lockdowns these are a key asset and hugely important to peoples wellbeing not to mention the wildlife. These areas have public access paths and form a vital part of the views from Trent Park. People come to Trent Park from far and wide to escape the metropolis, they want to feel they have reached countryside, but feel they are in a tiny patch of woods surrounded by development. Build in this area and all the views from Trent Park which is currently beautiful farmland will be gone. This area also has a number of rare birds as it retains ancient hedge rows. 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. This requirement could be filled by numerous derelict sites in New Barnet and Frien Barnet.
- 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.
- I am also objecting to Policy SA52 page 372, which would remove part of Rammey Marsh, a wildlife area and public amenity, from the Green Belt.
- 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.

We need a council that is focused on the long term REDEVELOPMENT not short term meeting governments housing targets by taking the easy routes. We need to force developers to take the on the harder sites.