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I am writing to provide feedback on the Draft Local Plan.

My background is that I have lived in 5 different homes in various parts of the London Borough of Enfield, since 1988. I have also worked in Enfield Town for the same 33 year period. My daughters were both born at Chase Farm Hospital, and they attended schools in the borough.

One of the main reasons for wanting to live and work in Enfield is that we have the Green Belt on our doorstep. This is absolutely vital for my family's mental health, especially over the past couple of years. I therefore want 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; and Policy SA54, page 374. All of these sections propose that Green Belt land should be redesignated for housing and other purposes. The historic Enfield Chase is a valuable asset for the borough, and its loss would permanently harm not only the Green Belt, but also the very character of the borough.

The green space in the north of the borough, especially Hillyfields, Forty Hall, and Whitewebbs Park, have proved especially important to our wellbeing during the pandemic. Therefore I object to Policies SA62 page 383 and SP CL4 pages 277-279, because they again affect Green Belt land, but also because they transfer part of Whitewebbs Park, a public amenity, into private management. I do not believe that this transition would be in the long-term interests of the majority of the people who live and work in the borough.

Finally, I object to the policies on pages 156-160, Figure 7.3, Figure 7.4 and Policy DE6, and SA2 Palace Gardens Shopping Centre page 321. These plans propose very tall buildings, which would mar the landscape in many cases, and make Enfield feel like just any other London borough, instead of retaining its unique market-town character. I understand that other lower-rise building forms could provide the same accommodation needs.

I ask you to consider my objections along with the other feedback that you get from local residents.