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I am writing to express my strong opposition against the Draft Local Plan to turn Vicarage Farm which is currently designated Green Belt into housing. I decided to buy property in Enfield because of its Green Belt areas which should be preserved and celebrated, not destroyed. I walked on the footpaths through Vicarage Farm from Slades Hill and the Ridgeway to Trent Park many times during the last lockdown and found the experience absolutely vital to my mental health. I continue to use the footpaths at the weekends and believe this particular Green Belt space is extremely beneficial to the physical and mental health of local residents. I am a long-term sufferer with mental health difficulties and I chose to live in Enfield for this Green Belt space. Please consider and respect those residents suffering alongside me and consider the proven benefits Green Belt has on the well-being of local populations.

Please note and record my objections to the Draft Local Plan. I strongly oppose and object to the proposed items 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; Policy SA62 page 372; and Policy SA62 page 383 and SP CL4 pages 277-279 – all of which propose the de-designation of Green Belt for housing and other purposes. These sites are part of historic Enfield Chase, which is unique in the South East 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. This area gives vital breathing space and better air quality.
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 do not want to see change or destruction to this beautiful area
3. 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. This historical Marsh needs to be protected to maintain wildlife and air quality.

