

**Response to the Draft Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation 2021**

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this very 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.

The character of Enfield is unique. The sites are mostly part of historic Enfield Chase. We cannot lose such sites FOREVER .

The loss of these sites would harm the Greenbelt - which does not only belong to the people of Enfield, but the people of London.

We must ask ourselves what the Greenbelt was planned for those many years ago.

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. The Green Belt is a precious resource for the people of London, it should be protected and preserved for the generations to come.

Together with many people and families I have walked the footpaths along the Merryhills Way which crosses through Vicarage Farm. They are used for exercise, relaxation, mental well-being. For children, it helps them to understand the role of the countryside. For many families this is the only country side they experience as they cannot afford holidays away from home. These fields, these footpaths need to be kept not destroyed. Why not extend Trent Park into the fields instead of adding more housing.

The farmland could be used to provide horticultural activities. The people of Enfield, should be encouraged to take part in food and plant production. Some areas could be made into woods, with more trees grown. I see visitors coming into the Trent Park area in awe of what we have.

Having visited Crews Hill over the weekend, it is a hub of weekend activity - Gardening our favourite pastime. Where will we find the garden centres if they are destroyed.

While I realise the need for housing development and support the ambition to meet Enfield's housing needs, I strongly object to the proposal to release Green Belt for housing or other purposes. I believe that there are alternatives available to meet housing targets and that the Green Belt is too precious a resource to destroy. Future generations, our children, will lose this resource which cannot be brought back once destroyed.

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

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