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Dear Officers,

Please accept this email as my formal response to the Draft Local Plan (DLP) Consultation process.

May I begin by saying I align myself with the reports already submitted to this consultation by CLARA, The Hadley Wood Neighbourhood Planning Forum and the Conservative Group on Enfield Council. Each of these reports expertly sets out the reasons why this Draft Local Plan would harm Cockfosters Ward specifically and why the Draft Local Plan should not be adopted in its current form and be amended accordingly.

These reports perfectly explain why the allocation of Cockfosters Station Car Park and Greenbelt land between Camlet Way and Crescent West **should not** be included within the Draft Local Plan as sites for development.

As it would be pointless for me to try and expand on the exceptional reports already submitted by CLARA and the Hadley Wood Neighbourhood Planning Forum and I have re-attached them to this email and simply restate my support for their well-reasoned arguments. I will however briefly set out my specific objections:

### **Cockfosters Station Car Park**

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1. Development would blight the landscape, going well beyond the height of the existing Black Horse Tower.
2. All education and health services are already stretched in Cockfosters with no possible chance of expansion of the primary schools, secondary school or local GP practice.
3. Cockfosters Station is a Grade II listed building with great architectural significance.
4. The site sits within the Conservation Area which alone should stop a scheme from proceeding.
5. The Council has recognised that the views from certain sites within the Greenbelt are valued. All sites that would be negatively impacted if this proposal were to proceed.
6. This would spell the end of much need parking for families, the disabled, the elderly,

commuters and local shoppers. The existing 370 spaces are well used and much valued by the Cockfosters community.

7. By TfL's own admission over 690 cars are parked per day within the car park. Statistically even if 12 Blue Badge spaces were retained this would not be anywhere near enough to cover need at Cockfosters station car park. This doesn't even begin to account for others that may not be Blue Badge holders, such as pregnant women, who will be clearly adversely impacted if they cannot find a necessary parking space.
8. Where will all these new residents park their cars? Cockfosters residential roads can just about accommodate existing residents and those from outside the area. These proposals rather than reducing car usage will simply displace cars throughout the area inevitably leading to CPZs.
9. The imposition of up to 15 storey tower blocks overlooking the final resting place for many (Cockfosters Cemetery) would clearly have an emotionally harming impact on their loved ones.

### **Greenbelt land between Camlet Way and Crescent West**

1. Not only has the Hadley Wood Neighbourhood Planning Forum submitted a brilliant objection to this site being included within the DLP but also hundreds of my residents both within and outside of Hadley Wood. These objections have covered all important aspects and should not be ignored. What would the point of this consultation be if it directly ignored the articulate responses of the very residents this Council claims to want to listen to?
2. If this site is included it would result in unsustainable growth in Hadley Wood and further stretch public services.
3. The loss of Greenbelt would cause a significant amount of harm to residents' health. After all the Greenbelt is the green lungs of London and must be protected. The Mayor of London completely understands this point in his recent remarks rejecting the inclusion of de-designation of Greenbelt at Hadley Wood and Vicarage Farm. After all, wasn't it Enfield Council that declared a climate emergency and vowed to protect green spaces?
4. Development on this site would exacerbate an already worsening flooding situation in Hadley Wood.
5. The Hadley Wood Neighbourhood Planning Forum accurately notes that developing on this site would "Cause substantial harm to the significance of the designated heritage assets of Hadley Wood Conservation Area, listed buildings and the Monken Hadley Conservation Area (which has been ignored in the Council's evidence base)"
6. With regard to heritage the Hadley Wood Neighbourhood Planning Forum also notes that this decision will "Result in the destruction of centuries-old grassland that is a valuable resource for carbon sequestration, contrary to Enfield's Climate Change Plan"

I hope the Council reconsiders it's position.

Best Regards,

