

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 dedesignation of Green Belt for housing and other purposes.

I've been a resident of the borough all my life from child to father of two kids now growing up in the area along with my parents. Increasingly this is not a borough i want to live in/raise my kids in as larger property is bulldozed and blocks of flats fly up (take the ridgeway area and surrounding roads like uplands park road!) and green belt and our hospitals are destroyed for more estates.

Where is the infrastructure to support not only higher rise but higher density housing? Even at 7am trains into London are moving to standing room only and thats before full normality after Covid. Traffic is bad - try getting kids to a swimming pool after school. Road surfaces are a disgrace. Break a leg (or whatever with our ageing population)? No worries - we'll just be an hour crawling through traffic to Barnet General...where you can sit for another several hours waiting with the bone in bits as there's too many people unwell. Health issues? Sorry about that but we're going to increase cars/traffic/pollution and stress 200%.

Food? Oh sorry were jointly trying to bulldoze Sainsburys Winchmore Hill and build on that as well (with no supporting infrastructure).

Vicarage Farm is crossed by the Merryhills Way footpath, much-used by Enfield residents and others for exercise and relaxation and the physical and mental health attributes of the footpath would be destroyed by development. As someone who suffers from mental health the paths for walking/cycling are a critically important way to manage my health.

The farmland could be put back into productive use growing local food for local people - something that is managed very successfully elsewhere where local pubs/restaurants then flag "local produce" in high quality outlets, creating a local reputation where word spreads and increasingly supports local employment/produce.

Crews Hill is equally important to the borough and should not be destroyed. Its garden centres and other businesses provide employment and a resource for people (especially ageing population) from Enfield and beyond. Why not create some proper horticulture/farming/food

production

While I understand housing development and needs you need to start looking at alternatives - we all know if this plan goes ahead and increases the population...exponentially...the problem worsens and another strip of green belt goes in 10 years time.

Green belt is too valuable to lose for all the many environmental, ecological, economic, public health and other reasons that have been identified. 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.

I hope you seriously consider plans to keep building up density and in Green belt. There has to be a duty of care to the residents of Enfield and our future generations.