

Response to the Draft Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation 2021

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this 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 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.

All these sites are part of historic Enfield Chase, which played an important role in the development of Enfield. The remaining parts of the Chase are unique in the southeast and a rare and valuable landscape asset. The loss of these sites would cause permanent harm not only to the Green Belt, but also to the very character of the borough. There are a number of key points which are crucial in my objection to the draft local plan, as follows:

- Green belt is essential for the protection of birds of prey
- Green belt is also essential for the protection of wildlife
- There are protection orders on a number of trees on Vicarage farm
- This is NOT by any means the best solution to Enfield's housing requirements and alternative options should FIRST be considered
- There are Brownfield sites in the Borough which could be used, including Meridian Water – development of Green Belt should categorically NOT be entertained ... at any level!
- Concerns for the environment and the impact for the existing community
- Levels of pollution, and the increase of pollution that would be generated in an already, extremely busy area which struggles to cope with the amount of people and traffic
- Quality of life – many residents use the Green belt land for their daily exercise as well as others from neighbouring boroughs. The area provides space which enables residents to improve their physical and mental health and is crucial also, to others who have no access to GREEN BELT close by to their own houses
- Development on any scale whatsoever would not be in keeping with the area
- The impact of the health of residents
- The right of clean air and a clean environment, especially for children
- The huge increase of traffic causing congestion on roads which already struggle to cope with the sheer weight of traffic
- Salmon's Brook and area of interest would be lost....FOREVER!!
- Increase in the crime rate
- The infrastructure cannot sustain a development – roads are already busy, doctors and dental practices already reject new patients and patients are often not able to be seen when they require an appointment. Schools are way over sub-scribed with catchment areas of less than 0.9 miles. This is a completely unsustainable project
- The plan is contrary to the London Plan and the Mayor's vision for London

- By voting for the plan, councillors are hugely letting down their own constituents with no choices for voting for the future vision of Enfield
- As councillors, your responsibility is to work for us, the constituents and not the party
- Proposed development will decimate our precious green spaces and will not solve the most pressing housing issues with pricing over and beyond the budgets of those who require housing the most, and therefore, will more than likely be snapped up by people moving into the borough from elsewhere, alongside those who will buy to rent out to others

I am particularly opposed to the loss of the precious GREEN BELT land of Vicarage Farm. The land is crossed by the Merryhills Way footpath, much used by Enfield residents and people from other boroughs for exercise and relaxation and their physical and mental health. Attributes of the footpath would be destroyed by development. The farmland could be put back into productive use growing local food for local people.

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. Our GREEN BELT is an irreplaceable resource and should NOT be destroyed and is not what we want for our future generations

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