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## **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 SA52 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.

The historic legacy and distinct character of Enfield Chase and its surrounding areas would be undermined and severely compromised by the development sites proposed. Vicarage Farm is crossed by the Merryhills Way footpath, much used by Enfield residents as an essential part of preserving mental health and physical exercise, would be destroyed by the development.

Crews Hill is equally important to the borough and should not be destroyed. Its horticultural activities should be encouraged and enhanced, not destroyed for housing developments, allowing businesses to continue providing essential employment and an enviable resource for people from Enfield and far beyond.

While I support housing development and support the ambition to meet Enfield's housing needs, I strongly object to the proposal to compromise the Green Belt for housing or other purposes.

The Green Belt is a precious resource that should be protected and preserved for future generations without question. It is too valuable to lose for all the many environmental, ecological, economic, public health and other reasons that have been identified, especially during the recent pandemic.

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