

Re: Draft Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation 2021

I am writing to you with regard to the Green Belt 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.

I feel very strongly that we should preserve our green belt. My family and I often go for walks in the countryside and parks that form part of the Green belt. This land serves a vital role in protecting valuable historic lands such as parts of Enfield Chase, and countryside is preserved for future generations, and for environmental reasons. 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. The farmland could be put back into productive use growing local food for local people. Crews Hill is an important part of our

borough and should not be destroyed. Its garden centres and other businesses provide employment and a resource for people from Enfield as well as other areas. Instead of losing Crews Hill for housing, its horticultural activities should be encouraged and enhanced so that it can once again be a hub for food and plant production.

While I understand the need to provide additional housing to meet Enfield's housing needs, I strongly object to the proposal to release Green Belt for housing or other purposes. Once the Green Belt is gone there will be no bringing it back. I think there are alternatives available to meet housing targets and that the Green Belt is a precious resource that should be protected and preserved for future generations. 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 e-mail are my own views.

