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I have already submitted a partly completed survey, but I did not find that that allowed me to express my views satisfactorily.

I should like, therefore, to submit my views on specific items included in the plan, in lieu of that submission, which I would like to withdraw.

1. Green Belt and Crews Hill,

I consider it is imperative to maintain the integrity of the Green Belt. This was brought in as the "lungs of the city" to provide Londoners with green spaces in which to relax, exercise and breathe unpolluted air. That last item is all the more necessary now, with the current levels of pollution, which are exceeding legal limits in many places, as a recent court case has shown. The area around Crews Hill has been used for market gardening and garden centres for many years. It is well used by citizens of the borough and provides employment to many Enfield workers. If these centres are closed down, residents will have to go outside the borough for their supplies, with a consequent loss of income to the borough and an increase in carbon emissions as local residents drive to centres in other areas.

2. Enfield Town

As I understand the proposal, it is suggested that the Palace Gardens shopping precinct would be demolished and replaced with high rise accommodation and that the present retail units (bar two or three) would be expected to relocate into the shops in Enfield Town and Enfield Church Street. If my interpretation of this is correct, then I have to say that I consider it an appalling idea. There are not sufficient shops of suitable size or with suitable loading/unloading areas in the area. It is far more likely that units currently in the precinct would move to an out of centre location or close entirely. Enfield Town has good public transport links with many other areas of the borough, unlike the existing retail parks, and currently is a place to visit in its own right, rather than just for shopping. There are restaurants, snack bars and public houses making the centre a place to visit for pleasure. It is also an historic market town, the integrity of which would be destroyed by these proposals.

3. The current proposed revision of planning laws.

According to this morning's newspapers, ministers are to drop the current proposed shake-up of planning laws. It appears highly likely that the Housing Secretary is to announce a more limited set of changes, and that the intention to make housebuilding targets mandatory will be dropped. A leading article in today's "Times" is headed "Boris Johnson had little option but to U-turn on planning reform". It would therefore be in the Council's interest not to proceed with the current local plan until this probable revision is announced. The current local plan does not take into account the historic significance of

much of Enfield or the reasons why so many local residents choose to live in the borough. It would be a disaster to proceed on a scheme that would destroy the character and attractiveness of the borough if this turns out to be unnecessary.