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I am writing in response to the consultation on the Draft Local Plan 2021.

I most strongly object to the following policies which propose releasing the Green Belt for housing and other purposes:

SP PL10, pages 80-87 and Fig.3.11

SP PL9, pages 77-80 and Concept Plan Figure 3.10

SA45 : Land between Camelot Way and Crescent Way, Hadley Wood, page 364

SA54 : page 374

SA52 : page 372

SA62 : page 383

SP CL4 : pages 277-279.

As an outer London Borough, much of the attraction of Enfield is its open spaces, and the importance the Green Belt plays in this regard.

The Draft Plan proposes huge areas of Green Belt to be released for housing and other purposes which will completely change the character of the borough to its detriment and to the detriment of its residents.

Most of the sites are part of Enfield Chase which has great and unique historical significance and forms an important role as part of Enfield's character and formation. It is a rare and valuable landscape asset which should not be developed. The loss of these sites would cause permanent harm not only to the Green Belt, but to the very character of the London Borough of Enfield.

Vicarage Farm is an extensive area of Green belt loss and provides an important break between the built up areas of Oakwood and Enfield Town which if allowed to be built on, would result in an almost a continuous sprawl of development across the borough from west to east. Footpaths, so important to people's well being and enjoyment of the environment and open countryside would also be severely affected.

Crews Hill with its many garden centres provides important facilities for residents and businesses and whilst partly 'developed' still has a character more associated with open countryside than the built environment. Where will these facilities go?

The need for housing is acknowledged but not at the expense of the Green Belt, which has been one of the most successful planning policies since the inception of town and country planning. It provides a most precious resource and feature of the borough and is vital in providing visual, environmental, ecological, and economic benefits. At a time when environmental issues are uppermost in many people's minds, developing on so much of the Borough's Green Belt is unsustainable.

If the Council approves these changes it will be failing in its duty of care set out in the London Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.