
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 dedesignation of Green Belt for housing and other purposes.

General points

The Green belts were set up for a reason – to prevent the very thing you are suggesting i.e. the uncontrolled sprawl of housing and other developments from our towns and cities. Also to provide a source of clean air near to major towns and cities.

The Earth is losing valuable natural resources all the time to housing, industry, mass crop production and other human activities. Please do not be responsible for the loss of more natural countryside, and the increase in pollution, littering etc which will undoubtedly follow. The Earth needs help at this crucial time from everyone, and Enfield Council could do its part in this.

The Green Belt areas are remnants of the historic Enfield Chase and as such have historical importance.

The Green Belt areas are home to an important range of wildlife including many butterflies and other insects. Also slow worms which are more commonly found in Wales and South West England. As such I suggest that this species at least should be protected. This is based on personal observation.

SP PL10, pages 80-87, and Figure 3

First I would make the general point that you maps and diagrams appear to be very unclear, perhaps deliberately so. However I understand this to refer to the open land on either side of Enfield Road.

The area is much used for recreation. Obviously it is perfect for dog walkers, but there are plenty of other people who also use it for walking and relaxation, including parents with young children, who can experience green fields and countryside without a pollution creating drive.

It provides an easy and pleasant access to the edge of Trent Park.

As noted above there are many species of interest in this area, including the slow worms, specifically mentioned above.

Have you considered the local infrastructure? You state there are three stations within approximately 30 minute walk, but of these only Oakwood has any parking facilities, which are already used to their full capacity. Commuters in a hurry to get to work, probably in Central London, are not likely to add a 30 minute walk to their journey.

Assuming they drive, it would seem likely that Enfield Road will be the main route in and out of the estate, which is already subject to congestion at busy times.

Schools - I am not aware of the location of all the possible near-by schools in the borough, but I know there are three of them at the bottom of World's End Lane where it merges with Bincote Road. During the 'school run' time Bincote Road (which includes two bus routes) is already more or less impassible, and to add increased school traffic would probably bring the area to a complete halt, which would also impact on Enfield Road.

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

Again your diagram is less than helpful, but as I understand it the development will stretch from the current location of the garden centres etc possibly as far as the M25.

Once again I am writing to voice my objections to the loss of so much valuable Green Belt land. I can only assume that, as with the Enfield Road site, there are wildlife and other resources in this area.

The Garden Centres are an important asset providing much needed employment. I know that people visit the garden centres from considerable distances, including inner London, Essex and Herts.

The general objections to the loss of Green Belt land apply, including loss of habitat for wildlife, the increase in pollution and littering.

Re the infrastructure, the area is served by three comparatively minor roads, all of which are in bad repair. There is one half-hourly bus service. There is a train service, I don't know the frequency but not all trains stop there.

I am not aware of any schools or other services in the area.

There is however, a piece of land next to the sharp bend in Theobald's Road, which might be utilised for some homes.

Policy SA45: Land Between Camlet Way and Crescent Way, Hadley Wood, page 364

Once again your diagram is less than helpful, but the same objections apply to the loss of Green Belt land. In addition, as you state yourselves, this area is adjacent to Grade 2 listed buildings and heritage sites.

Hadley Wood is a much used, and extremely pleasant site for recreation and relaxation. As well as dog walkers there are many families, including those with young children who visit the Wood. Developments near this area can only impact on this by making it more crowded, more pollution and littering etc.

I also object to Policy SA54, page 374; Policy SA52 page 372; and Policy SA62 page 383 and SP CL4 pages 277-279 – all of which propose the dedesignation of Green Belt for

housing and other purposes together with PolicyDM BG10: Burial and crematorium spaces, which would take part of Firs Farm and other recreation sites for crematoria.

In particular I do not see why the already existing Spurs training ground should be extended. The walk through the golf course is used by many people, as are the walks in the adjoining woods leading up to Forty Hall.

I also object to Policy DEG: Tall Buildings. Tall buildings are inappropriate in most parts of Enfield and the Council even admits in 7.6.4 that alternative building forms, such as lower-rise mansion blocks, can achieve a similar number of homes as tower blocks. Tall buildings have safety concerns, not to mention hygiene concerns. So many estates with tower blocks deteriorate into sinkhole estates.

Regarding the above, I am sure there must be brownstone or similar sites within Enfield that might be utilised for lower-rise mansion blocks. One example might be the site of the Royal Chase hotel, on the Ridgeway just as you leave the outskirts of Enfield. This appears to be closed now, and could accommodate a reasonable number of homes.

Overall I hope you will add my voice to the many others who I know have contacted you protesting against the destruction of natural resources, habitats for animals, birds, insects and plants, loss of recreational opportunities, and degradation of the environment in which we live.