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To: Enfield Council

Response to the Draft Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation 2021

Below are my comments on your draft plan.

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 using the Green Belt for housing.

Green belt land is ESSENTIAL to keep for many reasons: flood protection, Enfield residents physical & mental health, CO2 absorption (we need more trees and green land - when we pave over greenbelt area, this has a devastating environmental impact on the local area). The Green belt was designed to stop the gradual spread of conurbations outwards. If we start building on this land, it will set a precedent, and it is likely that more green belt land will be destroyed in the future. The increasing density of urban areas has a direct impact on the mental health of residents. This pandemic has demonstrated that people need space and green areas to enjoy - it is essential for mental & physical health.

A number of these sites are part of historic Enfield Chase - and some are unique in this region and form a valuable landscape asset. Changing these areas into housing would cause a complete change of character of the borough. People choose to live in Enfield because it is a wonderful borough with good access (at the moment at least) to green areas.

We could use areas such as Vicarage Farm to grow food - locally produced food is of course the way forward for numerous environmental reasons.

Crews Hill should not be changed. The garden centres are nationally known, and give jobs to local people. If this is housing - this will completely change the nature of this area. It will be residential - with increased cars. If it is changed, it will never go back to a green area.

I realise that Enfield is being asked to develop new housing - but the South East is densely populated. It would be better to build 'new towns' (such as was previously done with Milton Keynes) - and purpose built 'garden cities' (such as Wewlyn Garden City many years ago). This gives a better quality of life for all residents. Densely populated areas increase pollution, and put a strain on infrastructure. London's population has increased dramatically over the last 40 years, we need to think more broadly about how we can accommodate people. The London Mayor does not support building on green belt. Working together - we can protect green belt, and build on existing brownfield sites.

**I strongly object to the proposal to release Green Belt for new housing.**

The Council has a duty of care for the Green Belt, in accordance with the London Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework, and Enfield Council should remove any intention to build on it from the local plan.

I have lived and worked in Enfield for 25 years, and speak to many people from different walks of life. Not one person that I have spoken to wants Green Belt land to be built upon. We should use brownfield sites only, and/or existing housing developments.

These views in this email are my own.

Kind Regards



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