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I write to express my objection to the Draft Local Plan, with particular reference to the proposals to build on designated Green Belt land (Policy SP PL9, pages 77-80 and Concept Plan Figure 3.10; Policy SP PL10, pages 80-87, and Figure 3.11; Policy SP CL4 pages 277-279; Policy SA45, Land Between Camlet Way and Crescent Way, Hadley Wood, page 364; Policy SA52 page 372; Policy SA54, page 374; Policy SA62 page 383). Green open spaces are a distinctive and valuable feature of Enfield as a London borough, both for public recreation and as a focus for economic activity whether as accessible farmland (footpaths) or nurseries (Crews Hill is an attraction for many visitors, not just from Enfield itself). They should be protected and preserved for future generations.

I acknowledge that Enfield has a housing need, but this is for affordable housing in those parts of the borough where people already have employment and ready access to transport, schools and other social infrastructure. It is highly debatable whether new housing developments in fringe areas of the borough will provide for and address these needs when brownfield sites in more urban locations constitute a much better option. The Draft Plan needs to reflect this reality and to reject the needless destruction of the Green Belt and its value to the community at large.