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Dear Enfield Council

Response to the Draft Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation 2021

Thank you for this chance to respond to this 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 suggest the re-designation of Green Belt for housing and for other purposes.

I am emailing my objection to the building of residential buildings on green belt land. I think that Green Belt land should be preserved for very important environmental reasons which contribute to the health & wellbeing of both Enfield & the many other folk & families from neighbouring Boroughs - who visit the area to benefit from the availability of Green Belt land to have exercise & relaxation.

Many sites form part of historic Enfield Chase, which has played a very important role throughout the development of Enfield. The remaining parts of the Enfield Chase are unique in this part of the southeast, and they are a rare and valuable landscape asset and feature. The loss of these sites would cause permanent damage to the Green Belt, and also to the nature and character of Enfield borough.

Crews Hill is a very important area in the borough, and provides jobs for local residents, and should not be turned into a housing development. The garden centres are very well known in North

London. Crews Hill horticultural activities should be left as they are. This area cannot support increased population, cars and infrastructure without considerable environmental impact. Older residents from Enfield and beyond very much value the Crews Hill Garden centres they provide welcome places to shop for many varieties of plants & are places for social contact.

Enfield Borough has the important site of Vicarage Farm, which is crossed by the Merryhills Way footpath. This is heavily used by Enfield residents for exercise and relaxation. The physical and mental health benefits of this site, and other green belt sites would be destroyed by any residential development. As an alternative, this vicarage farm site could be used for food production - we know that growing local food for local people has sustainable and environmental benefits.

I strongly object to the proposal to release Green Belt for housing or other purposes.

I think that there are alternatives, such as using brownfield sites, and re-visiting existing residential hubs, to limit the effect on the green belt.

The Green Belt is a very precious resource that should be preserved for future generations. Once it is built on, the land will never be green again. It is too valuable to lose for many environmental, ecological, economic, and public health reasons that have been identified, especially during the recent pandemic.

The Council has a duty of care for the Green Belt, in accordance with the London Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework [NPPF], and any intentions to release parts of it should be taken out of the local plan. The London Mayor does not support building on Green Belt land.

These are all my comments, expressing my views.







