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I wish to comment on your draft proposals for Enfield and lodge my objections with regard to the following proposals -

POLICY SP PL 10, pages 81-87 and figure 3.11

3.10 CHASE PARK 3,000 Houses

Paras. 3.10.1 - 3.1

This land was acquired by Middlesex County Council just in time when the Green Belt was introduced with the aim of managing the countryside for the many advantages to the public and wildlife in this historic part of Enfield.

POLICY SP PL.9, pages 77-80 and Concept Plan Figure 3.10

3,000 new houses at Crews Hill with the potential for longer term expansion.

SA45, page 364

160 new houses in Green Belt land between Camlet Way and Crescent Way, Hadley Wood.

SA52 page 372

Industrial and office development on the Green Belt nr Rammey Marsh.

Is this an SSSI?

SA54, page 374

11 hectares of industrial storage & distribution use on agricultural land east of Junction 24 of the M25 at part of New Cottage Farm and Holly Hill Farm within Enfield Chase.

Enfield Chase is a Heritage Area of Special Character (AoSC). A review undertaken by the Council in 2013 confirmed that Enfield Chase is an area of national historical and environmental significance. A Heritage Assessment should have been taken to inform the development sites and the form and extent of development.

Some if not all of these developments would have a highly damaging impact on the special character and identity of the Borough. The Council does not appear to have considered it's own Enfield Characterisation Study of 2011 which identifies various harms to the character of Enfield that would result from the developments in some of the locations that the Council is now proposing to build on.

This would appear to include tall buildings proposed in various parts of the borough which are thoroughly out of character.

The London Plan states at Para.8.2.2 that the Mayor may support development of

"derelict and unsightly" parts of the Green Belt but the draft Enfield Local Plan proposes development on high quality countryside.

The Secretary of State has directed the Mayor to "provide boroughs in the difficult position of releasing Green Belt or Metropolitan land, with a greater freedom to consider the use of industrial land in order to meet housing needs". This would appear to be a regeneration opportunity for some parts in the Lee Valley.

It is a very dangerous thing to destroy the Green Belt and one which our succeeding generations will blame us for. It is the thin end of the wedge. Once Enfield's Green Belt is gone, it's gone. Never to be seen or enjoyed again by anybody. What next? Building on AONBs, National Parks? Or only in the National Park City for London? (a city which protects the network of parks and green spaces?) This will be the beginning of the end and would be a tragedy for Enfield.

In a time of Climate and Extinction crisis this is probably the most inappropriate thing that could happen.

For the sake of all of us and future generations I object wholeheartedly to these proposals.