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Dear Enfield Council

Response to the Draft Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation 2021

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this important consultation.

I am writing to strongly 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 de-designation of Green Belt for housing and other purposes.

The release of green belt land to serve housing needs sets a dangerous precedent which will no doubt result in release of further finite lands for similar ‘necessities’ in the future.

Given the vast amount of land given over to multi-million pound vanity housing serving single families, offering little in return by way of council taxes or other wealth generation for the council, the council should compulsory purchase and re-use this land ahead of causing irreparable damage through the loss of green belt land which serves residents of the borough and those adjoining it.

The pandemic has highlighted the absolute poverty of green space available to those living within highly populated towns and cities or those with no or limited outdoor spaces of their own. I feel blessed to live within reach of green belt land which has been a life saver for both the mental and physical health of myself and my family. Removing green belt land, no matter how limited will

have untold detriment effects on future generation's health and well-being as I consider it ill advised to think this will be a one time solution to housing needs and will result on further demands on this precious land.

Knowing Crews Hill well and using the area regularly, I feel I can comment more fully on this unique resource to the borough. I believe that it could be more widely advertised to bring in greater numbers of residents for surrounding boroughs who have seen a huge loss in similar resources elsewhere. The loss of such a wonderful center merely pushes residents towards online shopping with any resulting proceeds being lost to the borough, and often to the country as a whole. Its garden centres and other businesses already provide employment and a resource for people from Enfield and beyond, focus should be given to enhancing this unique facility not destroying it forever.

The Council has a duty of care to the health and well-being of its residents, now and in the future, and I feel it should be forcefully upholding the restrictions placed on use of green belt land not removing them

The comments provided in this response to the consultation are my own views.

Regards,