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Dear Sir/Madam,

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 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.

I strongly object to these policies on the following grounds:

- Environment damage – climate change is a very real and imminent threat to the future of our planet and I find it incredible that Enfield Council intend to build on Green Belt land instead of prioritising brownfield sites for housing and promoting more sustainable use for this land (e.g. putting farmland back into use to grow more food locally and therefore help to reduce the carbon footprint of the food production chain in Enfield). The ecological cost of destroying this Green Belt land will be huge, not to mention the negative impact the redevelopment will have on air pollution which is already an issue of huge concern to residents, particularly those with children.
- Negative impact on resident's physical and mental wellbeing – in addition to concerns about air pollution, the proposed developments would also have a huge impact on residents physical and mental health by removing much loved and used green spaces. The past year and a half of the pandemic have surely demonstrated the huge importance of local green spaces for our wellbeing. In the depths of the pandemic, when I have been working as a key worker as well as caring for parents with Alzheimer's, being able to walk and exercise in these green spaces has been a huge solace to me and continues to be the most effective way in which I am able to maintain my own mental and physical wellbeing. I am certain that this is true for many other local residents too.
- Negative impact on the character of the borough – many of the proposed sites for development are parts of the historic Enfield Chase and destroying this countryside would damage the character of our borough irrecoverably.
- The Council's duty of care to preserve Green Belt land - the London Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework [NPPF] make clear that councils should preserve this valuable asset which is in direct opposition to the proposed plan.

I fully understand the need for local and affordable housing (I recently bought my first flat in Enfield after over a decade of saving), however I strongly object to the use of Green Belt land for this purpose and believe that there are alternative routes which need to be pursued. For the sake of future generations we need a local plan which is forward-thinking and puts the wellbeing of both residents and the environment at its centre.

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

Yours faithfully,