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This is my response to Enfield's draft Local Plan. I have the following comments:

Proposed development of green belt areas:

I believe that green belt land is too important to lose due to the many benefits it brings to the community in terms of people's health and well-being and its contribution to the fight against climate change through maintaining bio diversity etc.

Greater consideration should be given to maximising existing brownfield sites that would benefit from regeneration and use made of the smaller sites that are available for development. The emphasis should be on building truly affordable homes in areas where there is existing infrastructure.

I have particular concerns about the proposals for the area called 'Chase Park' (SP PL10) in the proposals. These would destroy an area of unique historical importance as part of Enfield Chase, mean that residents of EN2 7 and EN2 8 would lose the only significant local area to access 'nature' that they have, increase traffic and therefore pollution on already congested roads, and effectively merge Enfield and Oakwood.

Similarly the proposals for Crew Hill (SP PL9) would increase traffic on country lanes and mean the loss of land that could be used for growing food as part of the local food for local people initiatives which the Council promotes.

Tall Buildings (DM DE6)

I believe that high rise blocks should only be approved when all other options (eg lower rise) have been fully considered and where impact assessments on heritage areas etc have been robustly debated. High rise living is not ideal for many especially those with families.

Additionally the plan presents an either/or of tall buildings/green belt which is in my view false