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Dear Sir or Madam

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 redesignation of Green Belt for housing and other purposes.

I feel it is essential to preserve what is left of the historic Enfield Chase which has played a central role in the development of Enfield. It makes Enfield unique and a special place. Losing them would change the nature of the Borough. Also, building on green field sites in the West of the Borough will not improve anything for the East - unless you are going to be re-greening on that side (which I very much doubt). Once the Green Belt land is lost it cannot be recovered and there will be pressure for further development once it has been breached.

The pandemic has shown the importance for both physical and mental wellbeing of green spaces and it seems to me at least that our parks and countryside are being used more now than they were before.

The land at Vicarage Farm makes a break between the built-up areas of Enfield Town and Oakwood and it is lovely to see the undulating countryside as you pass between the two. I do not understand why farmland is not valued when all the talk is of food miles and trying to use locally produced food as far as possible.

Similarly, Crews Hill has always been a special area valued by locals and visitors. The garden centres there provide local jobs and again encourage sustainable food and plant production.

I am Tottenham supporter but am increasingly concerned about their encroachment on green belt land. Whitewebbs has been a community

asset for many years but will their proposals effectively close off part of this well used and valuable area? Recent neglect by the council should not mean it can be disposed of as unvalued.

I was glad to see you do not support the 29-story building proposed for Enfield Town centre but still consider that even 13 stories is too much for the historic centre of our town. I am also concerned about where all the extra residents of the various high-rise buildings near town centres are going to park. The Mayor of London may want us all on bikes but that is not going to happen in the near future and parking is already a major issue in many areas. Building on existing car parks at stations will not encourage commuters to transfer to trains.

I do not know the other areas affected so well but repeat that we need to protect what is left of the historic Chase. We are the custodians and need to be able to pass this beautiful area on to future generations. There have been mistakes in the past which have badly scarred our landscape. Please think carefully before spoiling what is left.

I can understand that there is a need for good quality housing in the area and it has to go somewhere but strongly object to it being on green belt land. Planning for over 1000 new homes a year seems unrealistic when so few have been progressed in recent years. Get the developments at Meridian Way and other brown field sites (including those identified by the Enfield Society) going before you start breaching the Green Belt which has protected London for so long. And wherever new developments go I hope that there will be adequate planning for infrastructure to match.

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.

I sincerely hope that you will actually take the time to read the responses to the plan and report them to the full Council when the plans are considered again.

Thank you.

