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Dear Sir or Madam

I'm a 16 year old resident of Enfield who is writing to object to the proposals to release Green Belt land for housing or other purposes as part of the draft local plan for Enfield (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 SA62 page 372; and Policy SA62 page 383 and SP CL4 pages 277-279 – all of which propose the dedesignation of Green Belt for housing and other purposes)

I firmly believe that Enfield Council has a duty of care for the Green Belt, in accordance with the London Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework and any intentions to release parts of it should be taken out of the local plan.

Living in north Enfield, my friends and I have spent so much of the last 18 months of lockdown out in the countryside around this area. One particular favourite spot is the woods and fields west of The Ridgeway and north of Enfield Road, close to all of our homes, which you would like to see redeveloped as "Chase Village" with as many as 5000 houses replacing the rolling fields and meadows of Vicarage Farm. We regularly see birds of prey, deer and foxes in this location; It's a very special place for us and my heart is broken at the thought of the landscape being obliterated by luxury homes (and some developer making a mint from it too)

My friends and also enjoy visiting the garden centres, and small business of Crews Hill - the Vintage Emporium, plant stores and mystic / esoteric shops are favourites of ours. In addition many of my schoolfriends have part time jobs in the garden centres. It's a unique and important part of our local economy here in EN2. I would hate to see them vanish.

Our Green Belt is something which was saved for us by past generations which we should cherish and pass on in good health to our children and our children's children. Enfield's unique city / country location is what makes it such a great place to live and in the world after Covid we now understand the huge importance of open green space and nature to our wellbeing. We must not lose this to urban sprawl.