

Enfield Council.

Response to draft local plan reg 18 consultation 2021.

I am objecting 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; 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.

Most of these sites are part of historic Enfield Chase, which played an important role in the development of Enfield. The remaining parts of the Chase are unique in the southeast and a rare and valuable landscape asset. The loss of these sites would cause permanent harm not only to the green belt, but also to the very character of the borough. Vicarage farm is crossed by Merryhills Way footpath, much used by Enfield residents and others for exercise and relaxation and the physical and mental health attributes of the footpath would be destroyed by development. The farmland could be put back into productive use growing local food for local people. Crews Hill is equally important to the borough and should not be destroyed. Its garden centres and other businesses provide employment and a resource for people from Enfield and beyond. Instead of losing Crews Hill for housing, its horticultural activities should be enhanced so that it can once again be a hub for food and plant production.

The fact you will be removing areas for activity for walkers, joggers, dog owners and golfers, (Whitewebbs is already closed) many of who are senior citizens who are unable to use the miles of cycle lanes in the area, what arrangements will you be making for them to continue with their activities, they help fund these cycle lanes and I hope the council will be funding any additional facilities for these people.

I would also question the soundness of building in this area of Lea Valley, as it is a high risk area for floods and over thousands of years no major area has been developed. They must have known something.

Further, the traffic along from Whitewebbs to Cuffley and East Lodge lane is becoming a problem, when there is an accident between M25 junctions Potters Bar and Enfield the entire area of North Enfield comes to a stop.

