

Hello,

This is a response to the draft local plan to say I strongly oppose any development on the green belt. My husband and I were both born and raised in North London and have always seen the green belt as such precious land, not just for the people who live close by but for the whole of Enfield (east and west!) and for the whole of London. If you damage or remove these green lungs of London they can never be repaired. In this time of a climate crisis destroying parkland cannot be the best option - there has to be another way. Building on the green belt is an absolute last resort and it's unfathomable that every other option has been exhausted including using existing brownfield sites.

I specifically 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; 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.

Not only are these sites historic but they should be protected for future generations. Destroying it would be catastrophic for the borough and also a slippery slope. Once green belt starts to be released for development there will be no stopping - and finally we will be left with nothing.

Our national policy is to protect the green belt in a permanent fashion, 'The fundamental aim of Green Belt policy is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open; the essential characteristics of Green Belts are their openness and their permanence.'  
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/13-protecting-green-belt-land>

There will always be demand for new housing, always. And there will come a point when building on the green belt is not an option (as to whether that's because it's all sadly gone or that it has been refused and alternatives must be sought). And when that time comes what will happen? Other plans will have to be made as to new housing, so why not make them now? **WHILE WE STILL HAVE OUR PRECIOUS GREEN BELT.**

Building on the green belt is not a sustainable option, it's the opposite. And will not improve the quality of life for current local people, it will ruin it.

Look to where there is already development, look to where spaces can be maximised and enhanced. Look to the grey, not the green.

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