

I am writing regarding the Draft Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation 2021. Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this very important consultation.

I am writing to object to the following policies specifically: 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 the policies listed propose the dedesignation of Green Belt land for housing and other purposes.

All 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; they are a rare and valuable landscape asset. The permanent loss of these sites would cause harm, not only to the Green Belt, but also to the very character of the borough.

I am particularly opposed to the loss of Vicarage Farm. The land is crossed by Merryhills Way footpath, much used by myself and other Enfield residents and others for exercise and relaxation. The current mental health issues suffered by many would be further impacted by the loss of Vicarage Farm. Mental health should be nurtured and ways should be found to improve it, rather than causing more suffering to so many. The farmland could be put back into productive use, growing food for local people and providing jobs for the local community.

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.

These comments are my own views.