

**Response to the Draft Enfield Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation
2021**

I have read and fully endorse all of the concerns and expert comments that have been raised in the response to this consultation by the Enfield Society, but as a long-term resident I would like to take this opportunity to respond personally to some aspects of this consultation. I must express my concern over several of its proposals, particularly those that could result in the de-designation of Enfield's precious Green Belt for housing and other developments. The challenges that the Council are facing in seeking to address Enfield's housing needs are to be acknowledged, but I strongly object to the proposal to release Green Belt for housing or other purposes, especially if alternative options are available to meet housing targets. The Green Belt is a precious resource that should be protected and preserved for future generations.

As they are currently described, I have strong objections to the following Policies, which, if implemented, would lead to the destruction of a number of valued areas of Enfield's Green Belt and have a detrimental effect on the historic nature of the town and its environs.

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 de-designation of Green Belt for housing and other purposes.

I have a particular concern over the proposed building of a development of 3,000 new homes ("Chase Park") on Green Belt countryside around the current Vicarage Farm. I share the views of many others that the remaining parts of the Chase are unique in the southeast and a rare and valuable landscape asset and that they must be protected. Many of the sites under consideration in the local plan are part of historic Enfield Chase, which played an important role in the development of Enfield. The loss of these sites would cause permanent harm not only to the Green Belt, but also to the very character of the borough. These green spaces provide an essential amenity for exercise and relaxation, they support the Borough's public health and mental health needs and without a doubt they must be contributing to Enfield and London's environmental and ecological commitments.

I am aware that through the provisions of the London Plan, development on "derelict and unsightly" parts of the Green Belt can be considered, but what the Council is proposing would have an impact upon very high quality countryside. 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.