

I am writing to 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; Policy SA52 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 think it would make sense to avoid building on sensitive sites especially where developers have the upper hand with eyes on maximising profit over providing basic housing. We will never get back what we build on. The Enfield Chase is irreplaceable. These parts of England are what makes Britain an enviable place to belong to.

Local people require the recreational opportunities, especially in intensively lived areas so that access via the footpath through the farm is vital for physical and mental health. The farmland is a valuable resource which could support localism in producing good food for the region. Crews Hill is equally important to the borough and should not be destroyed. Investment in the local businesses is preferable to stifling them with housing. It seems to me that planners should aim to encourage elderly people to move into more suitable housing to free up existing properties.

While I support housing development and support the ambition to meet Enfield's housing needs, I strongly object to the proposal to release Green Belt for housing or other purposes. I believe that there are alternatives available to meet housing targets and that the Green Belt is a precious resource that should be protected and preserved for future generations. It is too valuable to lose for all the many environmental, ecological, economic, public health and other reasons that have been identified, especially during the

recent pandemic. 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.

The comments provided in this response to the consultation are my own views.