

We are writing to object to the following Policies which propose the dedesignation of Green Belt for housing and other purposes : 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. Enfield Chase, of which these sites are part, is historic and irreplaceable; its loss would cause permanent harm not only to the Green Belt, but also to the very character of the borough.

We also object to Policies SA62 page 383 and SP CL4 pages 277-279 because they transfer part of Whitewebbs Park, a public amenity, into private management. We feel that Whitewebbs Golf Course is important for those people who want to try golf or who cannot afford to join a club and would like it to be reinstated. We further feel that Whitewebbs Park should be available to everyone as a valuable open historical local resource. We have used this area frequently to educate and inform a local youth group and we strongly feel that this area should be left for public use. The events of the past 18 months have, in our view, reinforced the need for public access sites such as Whitewebbs Park for both physical and mental wellbeing.

We are also objecting to the tall building policies on pages 156-160, Figure 7.3, Figure 7.4 and Policy DE6, and SA2 Palace Gardens Shopping Centre page 321 which propose areas for and the acceptable height of tall buildings which, in many cases would mar the landscape and are unnecessary because other lower-rise building forms could provide the same accommodation, as stated in the policy. We feel that the character of Enfield Town would be lost if these large buildings were to be built.

We also object to Policy SA52 page 372, which would remove part of Rammey Marsh, a wildlife area and public amenity, from the Green Belt. We think it is very important for the environment that such Green Belt land be protected.

We consider that the proposals to build so many new houses will further overstretch local public services such as hospitals and schools, as well as shops. Hospitals in the north of the borough have already been closed and getting to Barnet or North Middlesex hospitals is bad enough now, without extra development adding to patient numbers and increased traffic congestion.