

Dear Enfield Council

Response to the Draft Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation 2021

As a family we access the Green Belt often and enjoy the wildlife and natural environment. The openness of the Green Belt is vastly different to parks which I appreciate are family orientated but does not offer the experience you gain from accessing the Green Belt. It provides space for exercise, walking the dog or out with friends. The cleaner air is good for my health and mental well-being. During lockdown we made the most of the footpaths on Merryhills Way and appreciated the natural beauty that Enfield has to offer. As a London borough we are extremely lucky to have the green spaces afforded to us and this should be protected, so it can continue to be enjoyed by future generations. The council needs to stop, think and listen to the community it has pledged to support. It's so wrong to destroy the jewel within the borough's landscape. Enfield also holds a rich historical value that should be celebrated and not so easily destroyed. We are entering a climate change catastrophe and natural green spaces should be preserved to help fight this impending environmental disaster. For the council to even suggest concreting over the Green Belt at a critical time like this - beggar's belief. Enfield Council should be the guardians of the Green Belt and work with communities to protect the natural environment, not fighting against the people the Council serves.

I am objecting 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.