

Dear Enfield Councillors

I am writing in response to the draft Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation 2021 and I would like to express my views as follows.

I object to the following Policies:

SP PL9, pages 77-80 and Concept Plan Figure 3.10;

SP PL10, pages 80-87, and Figure 3.11.

SA45: Land Between Camlet Way and Crescent Way, Hadley Wood, page 364;

SA54, page 374;

SA52 page 372;

SA62 page 383 SP CL4 pages 277-279

These proposals to release Green Belt land for housing and other purposes will be greatly to the detriment of our local amenities and go against the long-established principle of retaining open land to prevent urban sprawl.

More development is of course required to help meet local housing targets, but this should best be done by recycling land on brownfield sites. The green belt around Enfield is an important resource for the health and well-being of all residents, and should be retained.

The sites proposed for development are part of Enfield Chase, which is a valuable landscape asset and part of our borough's distinctive history and character.

As a keen walker, and like many other people locally, I make much use of the many footpaths for exercise and relaxation. I firmly believe that we should be able to enjoy the nature and open spaces within easy distance of our homes.

Crews Hill is a well-established hub for local businesses which draws customers from a very wide area. Local employers like these should be nurtured and encouraged. Local food production should be supported and expanded. At home today, almost all of our dinner was from locally-sourced foods.

Loss of the green belt would be a tragedy, not only for current users from our Borough and further afield, but also for future generations. It would be virtually impossible to re-instate the green belt once it has been lost. The Council has in my view a serious duty to protect the green belt in line with the London Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework [NPPF].

Please will you remove from our local Plan any measures which would change the designation of our Green Belt areas.

