

Dear Sir or Madam

I'm a 19 year old resident of Enfield who is writing to object to the proposals to release Green Belt land for housing or other purposes as part of the draft local plan for Enfield (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 SA62 page 372; and Policy SA62 page 383 and SP CL4 pages 277-279 – all of which propose the dedesignation of Green Belt for housing and other purposes)

I firmly believe that Enfield Council has a duty of care for the Green Belt, in accordance with the London Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework and any intentions to release parts of it should be taken out of the local plan.

Living in north Enfield, my friends and I have spent so much of the last 18 months of lockdown out in the green belt countryside around this area. We've really come to appreciate the space, the plants and animals and the sense of timelessness. Climate change is a huge concern to all of my generation - concreting over swathes of Enfield will increase temperatures and the likelihood of flooding and reduce biodiversity in this area.

In addition many of my schoolfriends have had part time jobs in the garden centres. It's a unique and important part of our local economy here in EN2 and something which draws people from all over north London.

Our Green Belt is something which was saved for us by the efforts of past generations.

We must cherish of and pass on in good health to our own children and our children's children. Enfield's unique city / country location is what makes it such a great place to live and in the world after Covid we now understand the huge importance of open green space and nature to our wellbeing. We must not lose our green belt to urban sprawl.