

Dear Enfield Council

Response to the Draft Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation 2021

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 **strongly object** to the proposal to release Green Belt for housing or other purposes. I believe that there are many alternatives available to meet housing targets and that the Green Belt is a precious asset 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. It is imperative that it is kept and should not be destroyed.

The loss of any of these beautiful sites would be terrible and cause permanent harm to our borough. We not only lose the unique landscape views but the environmental advantages too.

The Merryhills Way footpath for example is an excellent way for residents/visitors to use for exercise or relaxation helping with physical and mental health particularly during and now post pandemic

The farmland could be put back into productive use growing local food for local people. Crews Hill is equally important to the borough and should not be destroyed. Its garden centres and other businesses provide employment and a resource for people from Enfield and beyond. Instead of losing Crews Hill for housing,

its horticultural activities should be encouraged and enhanced so that it can once again be a hub for food and plant production.

Areas such as Crews Hill are rare and different to the usual urban town centres and should be celebrated and aided and encouraged to grow not be destroyed.

The greenbelt is a major historic character of the borough hence the name En- FIELD. Many of the sites are historic and iconic parts of Enfield chase. They played an important part in the development of the borough and surrounding area.

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.

What an ill-thought way of trying to improve the borough. Destroying parts of the area which are huge reasons why people enjoy living, working and visiting Enfield.

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