

To 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.

The loss of these sites would cause permanent harm to the Green Belt. Once it is gone, it can never be replaced. The many footpaths across the area are much used by people for exercise and relaxation and the physical and mental health attributes of the areas would be destroyed by development. I think we have all seen the importance of getting outdoors these last 18 months. The farmland could be put back into productive use growing local food for local people. Instead of losing Crews Hill for housing, its horticultural activities should also be encouraged and enhanced so that it can once again be a hub for food and plant production.

I also can not see how local infrastructure re roads, schools, doctors, dentists etc are factored in here and all these things are at breaking point now, let alone with massive new developments in the area.

While I support housing development and support the ambition to meet Enfield's housing needs, I strongly object to the proposal to release Green Belt for housing or other purposes. I believe that there are alternatives available to meet housing targets and that the Green Belt is a precious resource 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, especially during the recent pandemic. 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.

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

Concerned because my son goes to school in Enfield, I use Enfield for shopping and I enjoy the greenery.