

Dear Enfield Council

Response to the Draft Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation 2021.

Thank you for allowing me to respond to this important issue.

I am writing to object to the following.

Policies: SP PL10, Figure 3.11, pages 80-87 and Policy SP PL9, pages 77-80 and Concept Plan 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 the Green Belt for housing and other purposes.

These extensive and inclusive sites represent the historic Enfield Chase and cannot be replicated or transposed as such playing an important role in Enfield's development and inherent character.

The remaining parts of the Chase are unique in the South East of England and are a rare irreplaceable and invaluable asset to the landscape.

The loss of these sites will cause irreversible damage to not only the Green Belt but to the character and identity of the Borough.

The whole area namely through Vicarage Farm, the Merryhills Way footpath used extensively by Enfield residents for exercise and wellbeing would be destroyed as a result of any development.

The Council has a legal duty of care to not only protect the Green Belt in accordance with the London Plan under the National Planning Policy Framework but to preserve its integrity and future existence and any intentions to release parts of it should be taken out of the local plan.

I understand that alternative brownfield sites are available, offering an alternative requirement for future housing to be fulfilled without any encroachment on the Green Belt and greenfield sites.

Failure to do this will result in a legal challenge to any destructive policy affecting the Enfield Chase.

Given the ensuing consequences of global climate change the Council has a larger responsibility in ensuring the protection and retention of the Green Belt and Greenfield sites for future posterity and environmental safeguards for all.