

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 SPL9, pages 77-80 and concept Plan 3.10; PolicySA45: Land between Camlet Way and Crescent Way, Hadley Wood, page364; Policy SASA54 page374; Policy SA52 page 372; and Policy SA62 page 383 and SP CL4 pages 2777-279

- all of which propose the de-designation of Green Belt for housing and other purposes.

I Have particular concerns over the development of housing on the site known as Vicarage Farm.

This agricultural site, currently owned by a property developer, is an important wildlife habitat. Originally part of the Chase since medieval times and postwar a dairy farm, has since been used for horse training and sporadically arable production. For the last 8-10 years the land has been Fallow.

Due to the relatively small sizes of fields and accompanying scrub and woodland adjacent to the large wooded area of Trent Park, this area has been successfully rewilded and now provides an important refuge for wildlife.

To give just a small example of the importance of the biodiversity that has re-established in this area, I have observed breeding populations of two Schedule 1 (Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981) protected species.

For the past 5 years, Hobbies (a rare migratory falcon) have successfully nested and bred right in the middle of the proposed housing development area. Fieldfares have also been recorded at this site. Skylarks regularly nest in the fields.

The second Protected species is the Slowworm. An expanding population now exists in all the wooded scrubland and adjacent to Trent Park. I have observed at least 3 individuals at different locations over the past year.

These two examples are important because they show the relative good Health of the local ecosystem in regards to the flora and fauna that exist there. To have such biodiversity in an area within Zone 5 of London is an accidental triumph for the residents of Enfield and should be celebrated, not destroyed.

To destroy this ancient habitat by allowing the building of 8000 “luxury” homes (as according to the property developer’s plans) would be an act of local Ecocide, just as attempts are being made to legislate against ecocide internationally.

I have many other objections to the proposed plans to build housing on Vicarage Farm, ranging from environmental, social and economic concerns. I would gladly speak to any councillor or council official if they would care to.

Degradation of the natural environment is an acute problem for us all.

We all have a personal responsibility, as never before, to protect our natural environment.

The consequences of ignorance will affect future generations to come

Thank you for reading this

