

Dear Enfield Council

Response to the Draft Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation 202

I would respectively like to point out that I have spent many hours reading the Draft Local Plan, and have found it the most difficult document to understand. It is very hard to comprehend, however having given lots of my precious time and thought, I 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.

Many of these sites proposed for "development" are part of Enfield's unique history, and have been widely respected and appreciated by all who live in or visit Enfield. The draft plan appears to destroy these and is most unimaginative at the very least. There are areas of Enfield in dire need of regeneration, ie vacant industrial sites. (I believe the secretary of state has advised the Mayor of London to use industrial land and NOT green belt) yet for some reason you plan to leave them (areas needing regeneration) to worsen and further, make worse what is good about this borough.

It is widely acknowledged that tall buildings do not enhance people's lives, to propose building tower blocks in close proximity, in the centre of town, is a backward move at the very least. As well as putting inhabitants at a disadvantage, they are not environment friendly, nor economic to run. I stress that I strongly oppose tall buildings and object to your terminology in calling them housing.

I reject the local plan and reiterate that losing these sites would cause permanent damage to the character of the borough, it's history and the precious Green Belt which has enhanced our lives. The farmland could be put to great use growing local food, as well as providing jobs. Crews Hill garden centres and other businesses also provide much needed employment, serving our community and beyond. When you refer to it's great transport facilities, again I refute this as two trains run every hour during the week, less at the weekend due to closures and cancellations. The Council's vocabulary used in the draft plan is not accurate, is misleading and not wholly truthful.

I reject the local plan and it's proposals within.

While I understand the need for housing, I strongly object to the proposal to build on the Green

Belt for housing or other purposes. 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.

I question the 30,000+ houses target and believe it to be more around 20,000. Am I right that 10,000 are to be built at Meridian Water? Since the pandemic, many businesses have not returned and many workers work from home, there will be more vacant business premises available to convert ie brown field sites and would suggest the council re thinks this local plan to reflect the changes to buildings in this borough.