

To whom it may concern

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; and
- Policy SA62 page 383 and SP CL4 pages 277-279

all of which propose the dedesignation of Green Belt for housing and other purposes. These sites are part of historic Enfield Chase, which is unique in the southeast and played an important role in the development of Enfield. It is a rare and valuable landscape asset and its loss would cause permanent harm not only to the Green Belt, but also to the very character of the borough.

I am also objecting to Policy SA52 page 372, which would remove part of Rammey Marsh, a wildlife area and public amenity, from the Green Belt.

I am also objecting to the tall building policies on pages 156-160, Figure 7.3, Figure 7.4 and Policy DE6, and SA2 Palace Gardens Shopping Centre page 321 which propose areas for and the acceptable height of tall buildings which, in many cases would mar the landscape and are unnecessary because other lower-rise building forms could provide the same accommodation, as stated in the policy

I want to live in a borough that is held up as an example to other boroughs for its protection and encouragement of green spaces and wildlife as a foundation to providing a healthy and restorative living space for its residents. Over the course of the pandemic we have seen how important green space is to the community's physical and mental health – particularly for those without access to their own back gardens.

I want to see existing brownfield sites used to their maximum potential to provide well built, environmentally considered housing, that fits into the historic character of the borough. These sites should be developed into greener, safer places for residents to live and work. I want to see the council tackle "green space" inequality, whereby bare Green Belt land is not used for lower density, executive housing that is unaffordable to the majority of Enfield's residents, but rather remains an asset for all residents and visitors. Regenerating existing sites provides an opportunity to revive rundown or no longer fit for purpose sites to enhance the character of Enfield and create a sense of community.

The local plan provides the opportunity for the Enfield Council to be leaders in the fight against the climate emergency by developing a plan that is protective of the health of Enfield residents, wildlife, and the economy. In a time where air pollution is a significant health risk to the London population, obesity is increasing amongst children, and our cities are becoming heat-islands, removing green space that is instrumental in filtering air, helping to regulate temperature, while providing low-cost recreational access to residents, is incredibly short sighted. We should be integrating more green space into our existing city spaces and not less.

