

Dear Enfield Council,

Response to the Draft Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation 2021

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this important consultation.

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 majority of these sites are part of historic Enfield Chase, which played an important role in the development of Enfield. The remaining parts of the Chase are unique in the Southeast and a rare and valuable landscape asset. The loss of these sites would cause permanent, irreversible harm to the Green Belt.

Vicarage Farm is crossed by the Merryhills Way footpath, much used by Enfield residents and others for exercise and relaxation. Development would deny people the benefits of the physical and mental health attributes of this site.

The farmland could be put back into productive use, growing local food for local people, which is surely important in terms of benefits to the planet as well as local people.

Crews Hill is of great importance too and should not be destroyed. It's garden centres and businesses provide crucial employment and a great resource for local people and beyond, attracting money into the area. It's horticultural activities should be encouraged and enhanced so that it can once again be a hub for food and plant production. Again, this would be of greater benefit to the planet and local people.

While I support housing development and I support the ambition to meet Enfield's housing needs, I strongly object to the proposal to destroy Green Belt for housing or any other purposes. It is too precious to lose for all the many environmental, ecological and public health reasons that have been identified, especially within the context of Climate Change. The Council has a solemn 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.

If you proceed to destroy the Green Belt within your borough's boundary, it will jeopardise the future of the Green Belt as it stands, London will lose its green protective halo, which will have a devastating impact on the wellbeing of the ecology and the people of this great City.

I believe that Enfield Council can find solutions to its housing needs in developing existing Brownfield sites across the borough.

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

Yours sincerely,

Sent from my iPad