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Dear Sirs

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 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 SA62 page 327; 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.

All of these sites are part of historic Enfield Chase, which played an important role in the development of Enfield. Other parts are unique and provide a valuable landscape asset. The loss of these sites would cause permanent harm to the Green Belt and the character of the borough. Merryhills Way footpath crosses Vicarage Farm and is much used by Enfield residents for exercise, relaxation and physical and mental health. The footpath would be destroyed by development. I am sure the farmland could be put back into productive use growing local food for local people. Crews Hill is also an asset to the borough and people come from far and wide. The businesses provide employment, the garden centres are delightful to visit with elderly relatives for coffee, greetings cards and plants, there is a railway station and it could become a hub for social activities and plant production.

I do support housing development and support the ambition to meet Enfield's housing needs, but I strongly object to the proposal to releasing Green Belt for housing and other purposes. It is a precious resource that should be protected and preserved for future generations. I believe there are alternatives which can meet housing targets.

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.

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

Yours faithfully