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Strategic Planning and Design,
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Dear Sirs,

Response to the Draft Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation 2021

This is my response to the Draft Local Plan which I understand needs to be submitted by 13th September 2021.

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 dedesignation of Green Belt for housing and other purposes.

Most 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 will cause permanent harm to the Green Belt, and also to the very character of the borough. Vicarage Farm is crossed by the Merryhills Way footpath, used by Enfield residents and others for exercise and relaxation and the physical and mental health attributes of the footpath will be destroyed by development. The farmland should be returned into productive use growing local food for local people. Crews Hill is equally important and should not be destroyed. Its garden centres and other businesses provide employment and a valuable resource for people from Enfield and elsewhere. Instead of losing Crews Hill to housing, its horticultural activities should be encouraged and enhanced so that it can remain a hub for food and plant production.

I support housing development in order to meet Enfield's housing needs, but not by building on the Green Belt. There are alternatives available to meet housing targets. The Green Belt is a precious resource that must be protected and preserved for future generations. It is much too valuable to lose for all the many environmental, public health and other reasons that have been identified. 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 urge you to please reconsider this draft plan, which if implemented unchanged will ruin the character and general amenity of our lovely borough.