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Dear Enfield Council

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 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.

All sites mentioned above are part of the historic Enfield Chase, which played an important role in the development of Enfield. Enfield is a unique part of London due to its magnificent natural landscape. Development on these green belt sites will have a traumatic effect on the borough's beautiful landscape, causing permanent damage and destroying Enfield's much loved greenery.

I particularly object to the development in Crews Hill (policy SP PL9, pages 77-80 and concept plan Figure 3.10). As I am an Employee of Thompsons of Crew's Hill Ltd and this development could have devastating effects on my career and the future of the company I work for.

Crews Hill adds to Enfield's uniqueness, as it is the biggest concentration of garden centres in Europe. It is considered Green Belt on the basis that horticulture is a permitted use in the Green Belt. The multiple businesses provide employment and a resource for people from Enfield and beyond. Crews Hill attracts colossal amounts of visitors from all over the country throughout the year, which brings an immense amount of trade to the borough, whilst promoting gardening and a flourishing environment. Crews Hill's horticultural and agricultural activities should be embraced and supported with the aim of promoting food and plant production instead of turning it in to an illogical housing development.

Releasing the green belt for housing and other uses will have catastrophic effects on Enfield as a borough and I strongly object to the Draft Local Plan. I agree that the borough is in need of affordable housing but the Green Belt should be protected from development, not targeted. There are plenty of alternative areas available in Enfield that would be suitable for development. Our Green Belt is an extremely beneficial resource that should be embraced and not lost. Recreating 'natural' park areas and countryside is an impossible task as manmade woodlands and parks will be completely inorganic and artificial. 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 provided in this response to the consultation are my own views.

Kind Regards,