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Dear sir,

Response to the Draft Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation 2021

I am writing in response 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

Policy SA62 page 383 and SP CL4 pages 277-279 – all of which propose the de-designation of Green Belt status for housing and other purposes.

I live in Enfield and am disturbed by the proposals in the Local Plan.

Over the years I have witnessed many new homes being built on 'brown field' sites and over redundant hospital, office and retail space as people shop online and work from home. Many large houses with gardens have given way to flats and smaller houses.

The sites earmarked for housing development in the Local Plan would cause permanent harm to the character of Enfield and pave the way for the continuous urban conurbation that the Green Belt was supposed to prevent.

Given that the birth rate is beginning to fall and immigration from the EU has dropped drastically, there will be less pressure on housing and the gradual switch to online shopping will free more land for new homes, including the enormous under-used carparks east of the A10, where the large retail stores are situated.

I believe there are alternative developments that can be embarked upon to provide more housing without threatening the environmental, ecological, economic, and public health aspects that will be threatened under the proposed plans.

The Council has a duty of care for the wonderful and invaluable Green Belt, in accordance with the London Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and any intention to destroy parts of it should be taken out of the Local Plan.

Yours sincerely,