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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 ConceptPlan 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 was born and brought up in Enfield and regularly visit my parents' house in the borough. I now live with my husband and son a few miles away from Enfield.

Over the years I have seen many new houses built in Enfield, including the site of the Highlands Hospital and have seen many former offices and redundant business sites being converted into housing.

The above sites that have been earmarked for housing in the Local Plan would cause permanent harm to the character of Enfield and pave the way for the continuous 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 car-parks east of the A10, where the large retail stores are situated.

I remember my father telling me that many of the schools were due to close in the 1970s and 1980s because of the falling birth rate; schools such as Minchenden, Ambrose Fleming and St. Ignatius Lower School. Population increase is not inevitable.

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,

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