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Strategic Planning and Design Enfield Council Freepost NW5036 EN1 3BR

Dear Sirs

Re Enfield Local Plan Consultation Key Policies relating to the Green Belt

We have written to Enfield Council on a number of occasions strongly objecting to any building on the green belt, whatever the Council's flawed reasons maybe for the desecration of this ancient historical land. Much of the green and pleasant land around Enfield has been used for centuries to heal and bring comfort to people. For example, during the late 18th century for people suffering from the effects of typhoid were brought to this area recuperate and after WII soldiers suffering from horrendous wounds and as we now know it to be PTSD. More recently, many hundreds of people during the pandemic have used these footpaths and open green spaces to alleviate their stress and depression.

We would also bring to your attention the fact that many wild animals, insects, bees and migrating and nesting birds use this land. Not only will the wild life lose this land, but so will future generations, our children, our grandchildren and the residents of today who love the landscape and the beauty of the changing seasons before our eyes. It is criminal to even consider building on the green belt, when there are quite adequate alternatives. Your reasoning for this invasion is flawed and makes no sense, unless it is for the 'mighty dollar'.

Key Policies

- The Spatial Strategy Section 2.4. Policy SP PL 10 (Figure 3.11)
 Our main reasons for objecting are as above. Vicarage Farm is not Chase Park. It is farmland and should remain as such with its network of footpaths.
- Policy SP PL9 Concept Plan SA 45. Crews Hill. This area has been settled by market gardeners since the 1930's and brings employment and pleasure to many people. Again alternative building land could be found on sites where old industrial units are laid to waste and these areas would then be regenerated.
 SA 45 Hadley Wood. We fail to see how this would be affordable housing; more a gift to the developers.

Nearly 32,000 residents in the Enfield area have signed a petition against building on the green belt, do we not have a say as to how we want Enfield to remain. Please bear in mind the presence of the green belt is the reason many chose to live in Enfield? Do you honestly think that Enfield Council knows better than its' residents, many who have lived here for a number years? You, the decision makers, will be gone in a few years and all you will leave is the rotten legacy of concreted over land.

Yours