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Dear Enfield Council

**Response to the Draft Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation 2021**

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Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this important consultation. My comments below refer mainly but not exclusively to the proposals regarding Green Belt land.

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 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 would cause permanent harm not only to the Green Belt, but also to the very character of the borough.

Vicarage Farm is crossed by the Merryhills Way footpath, which is popular with Enfield residents and others for exercise and relaxation. The physical and mental health attributes of the footpath would be destroyed by development. The farmland could be put back into productive use growing local food for local people.

Crews Hill is equally important to the borough and should not be destroyed. Its garden centres and other businesses provide employment and a resource for people from Enfield and beyond. Instead of losing Crews Hill for housing, its horticultural activities should be encouraged and enhanced so that it can once again be a hub for food and plant production.

While I support housing development and support the ambition to meet Enfield's housing needs, I strongly object to the proposal to release Green Belt for housing or other purposes. I believe that there are alternatives available to meet housing targets and that the Green Belt is a precious resource that should be protected and preserved for future generations. It is too valuable to lose for all the many environmental, ecological, economic, public health and other reasons that have been identified, especially during the recent pandemic.

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 removed from of the local plan.

Finally, there are two other proposals which I oppose:

- I object to the tall buildings policy on pages 156-160, Figure 7.3, Figure 7.4 and Policy DE6 and SA2 Palace Gardens Shopping Centre page 321 which propose areas for and the

acceptable height of tall buildings which in many cases, would disfigure the landscape. These are unnecessary as other lower rise buildings could offer the same accommodation as noted in the policy.

- I also object to Policies SA62 page 383 and SP CL4 pages 277-279 because they transfer part of Whitewebbs Park, a public amenity, into private management.

The comments provided in this response to the consultation are my own views.