

27th August, 2021

Dear Sirs,

Response to the Draft Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation 2021

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.

The largest majority of these sites are part of the history of Enfield which goes back to Tudor times and beyond, being part of 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, to say nothing of the wildlife. 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, much-used by Enfield residents and others for exercise and relaxation and 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 beyond as people come from miles around to visit this unique place 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 realise people have to be housed I'm not too sure that it's Enfield people now that are being considered and I **strongly** object to the proposal to release Green Belt for housing or other purposes. The whole purpose of the Green Belt is just that – for it to remain green which is a commodity that has been proved to be so beneficial in recent years. 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 ongoing pandemic. The Council has a duty of care for the Green Belt, in accordance with the London Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework, and any intentions to release parts of it should be taken out of the local plan.

Enfield and its surrounds has been slowly ruined over the years and very soon there will be no true Enfieldians left to enjoy whatever you leave behind.

Yours faithfully,