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To: Enfield Councillors

RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT LOCAL PLAN REG 18 CONSULTATION 2021

I am grateful for the opportunity to take part in this Consultation and my introductory general remarks will be followed by itemised objections.

We live on a crowded island, a very crowded part of that island and in a very busy borough of the capital city. We are working people whose right to mental wellbeing must be respected. Part of mental wellbeing is afforded by access to Nature: grass, trees, open space, plant life, clean fresh-smelling air, access to footpaths, quiet. We are the first citizens of Enfield whose right to these things is being disregarded. Respect for our quality of life and that of the future citizens of Enfield demands that the proposed developments on the Green Belt be dropped.

Policy SP PL10 Pages 80-87 and Figure 3.11

The Merryhills footpath is a quiet footpath bordered by many varied plants; there are hillocks, hollows, thick hedgerows, open fields and beautiful views. Leading as it does into Trent Park, it is possible, as very many local people do, to step off the busy Ridgeway (a feeder road of the M25) and in minutes begin a circular walk of 5-6 km in spectacular surroundings. The loss of this footpath will be devastating to me and to others.

The access road to Rectory Farm is bordered by fields which offer some of the most stunning views in the borough of Enfield. To build on the open fields there would be an act of desecration. Motorists leaving the M25 at junction 24 and approaching Enfield are able, from the Ridgeway (which really is a Ridge) to see the most spectacular rise and fall of land extending out to Crews Hill. In all seasons there are sunrises, sunsets and beautiful colours to be seen.

Policy SP PL9 Pages 77-80 and Figure 3.10

Crews Hill Garden Centre Area is a thriving commercial centre of the kind that should be supported and expanded rather than destroyed. Many pleasant cafes have opened up and these are popular venues for socialising. There are also many visitors from the more urban parts of north-east and north-west London. People with and without gardens want and need to cultivate plants at home. The Crews Hill garden centre area is one of the success stories of Enfield – it would be outrageous to dismantle it.

I have commented on two Policies here but my heartfelt belief is that any development on Enfield's Green Belt would be a grave and tragic mistake. I therefore oppose the following: SP PL10 pages 80-

87 and Figure 3.11; Policy SP PL9 pages 77-80 and Concept Plan Figure 3.10; Policy SA45 page 364; Policy SA52 page 372; Policy SA54 page 374; Policy SA62 page 383; SP CL4 pages 2770279

These comments are my own views and provided in response to the Draft Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation 2021.