

Strategic Planning and Design
Enfield Council,
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Dear Enfield Council.

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.

I have lived here all my life and have grown up playing in the land at the rear of The Ridgeway and for the last 30 years have enabled children from across the borough to do the same. I regularly walk here with Early Years aged children many of whom live in high rise flats and enjoy the sense of countryside that this space brings. Many of the children would otherwise never have had this opportunity to experience this and many encourage their parents to visit with them at the weekends. I cannot believe that as our Council you are not proud of this space that few other London boroughs could boast to have.

I have also grown up visiting Crew Hill Garden Centres as a family day out and my own family have enjoyed this too. It still amazes me how famous Crews Hill is country wide and how many people travel into our borough to visit this great attraction bringing business to our local community. How can you possibly think houses would be better in their place? Just seeing on a day-to-day basis how busy all these garden centres are should be enough testament to safe guard their future.

I strongly oppose any development on Green Belt Land and hope that as a Labour Council you will stand by your Labour Elected Mayor's promises; In 2016 Sadiq Khan said, 'I am determined to oppose building on Green Belt which is now even more important than when it was created'; in 2017 he said 'The Green Belt is the lungs of the capital and must be protected'; in 2019 when talking about the need for new homes within London, he said 'And we can deliver those homes within London's boundaries with no development on the Green Belt'. So why can't Enfield stand by these words when there are ample Brown Field sites crying out of regeneration and redevelopment.

Please let's make Enfield great; a Borough to be proud of, please do not leave the legacy as the council that took a quick easy way out and built on the Green Belt! Once it is gone, it's gone, you owe it to our children and future generations to protect it as your predecessors have done for you.

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

Regards,