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Dear sir,

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

I am writing to respond 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 SA62 page 372

Policy SA62 page 383 and SP CL4 pages 277-279 – all of which propose the de-designation of Green Belt status for housing and other purposes.

I have lived in Enfield since 1974 and in London since 1960. I am aware of the importance of The Green Belt and believe it is more relevant now than when it was at the time it was formulated.

The above sites are part of the 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 character of our borough.

Vicarage Farm is crossed by the Merryhills Way footpath, much used by Enfield residents; a route along which I used to walk in the 1970s and early 80s on my way to work. The farmland could be put into productive use growing local food for local people, doing away with the need for long-distance transporting of essential supplies, and as a local resident and a keen allotment holder I can testify to how fruitful the land can be.

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 make a more substantial contribution to the production of food and horticulture in general.

Over the past 47 years that I have lived in Enfield, I have witnessed major housing and other developments, such as the conversion of our local Highlands Hospital into 1000 housing units, the conversion of the field opposite into a secondary school, the conversion of the Catholic Lower Secondary School into housing (Foxmead Close) as well as many other developments. These and other developments underline the importance of the preservation of the precious Green Belt.

I believe there are alternative developments that can be embarked upon to provide more housing without threatening the environmental, ecological, economic and public health aspects that will be threatened under the proposed plans.

The Council has a duty of care for the wonderful and invaluable 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 taken out of the local plan.

Regards