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To whom it may concern

We are residents of Bincote Road in Highlands Ward and I wanted to write to you to object to the Draft Local Plan and in particular certain policies which will have a notable and very detrimental effect on our lives and that of our four small children.

We 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 SA62 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. These sites are part of historic Enfield Chase, which is unique in the southeast and played an important role in the development of Enfield. It is a rare and valuable landscape asset and its loss would cause permanent harm not only to the Green Belt, but also to the very character of the borough.

The increased traffic, pollution, noise and disturbance both during and post construction will be evident on our street, which already suffers from extreme congestion and particularly at peak times of the morning and evening. We greatly value having Green Belt land near our home and one of the reasons we moved to the area was for the benefit of our wellbeing and the immediacy of open green spaces. Our road and neighbouring streets have seen a sharp increase in traffic, which is exacerbated by new bus routes and as such, we have seen many instances of dangerous driving (cars mounting and driving down pavements, double parking, aggressive and intimidating behaviour from motorists) which will only increase with the creation of thousands and thousands of new homes in the local vicinity.

We also doubt the need to build on precious green belt when there are other more suitable (and arguably higher density) grey space housing options in the Borough; many of which are far more in keeping with ESG policies of renewing and repurposing existing land. In the current climate of increased focus on the state of the environment, this council should be doing everything it can to encourage more sustainable ways of living, not paving over green fields and leaving other more suitable sites untouched; as such, it is illogical to destroy green spaces to build low density housing when higher density housing can and should be built on repurposed sites.

As a family we often visit Crews Hill and we were shocked to find that much of this area is earmarked for new housing. The local community and garden centre economy of Crews Hill is unique and should be nurtured and grown. It is well-known not only in our Borough but across London and beyond and as such represents a precious environment that cannot easily be replicated. The synergy of having multiple similar businesses in the same location should not be lost on the Council and we would urge those in decision-making roles to exercise sound judgement in not approving the socially and economically damaging Draft Local Plan.

I look forward to your response and trust that the Council will see sense and not embark on what would be a catastrophic mistake for local communities across the whole of the Borough.

