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1. Dear Sir/Madam

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 SA62 page 372; and Policy SA62 page 383 and SP CL4 pages 277-279 – all of which propose the designation 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.

I have taken a walk today from the Ridgeway along The Merryhills Way and through to Trent Park to try and visualise what the proposed developments will look like. There were lots of people out and about with their families enjoying the open space and several people stopped me and started the conversation on their disbelief that the destruction of this area is up for consultation. This shows the strength of feeling there is amongst the community. I have returned feeling devastated that these Green lungs of Enfield could potentially be under tons of concrete because the council takes the easy option to remove protection of the green belt to build on instead of utilising existing brown field sites.

For many people who live in flats and have no gardens this is their only outdoor space. I spoke to an elderly man who travels from Ponders End every day to walk in the fields by the Jolly Farmers allotments and is devastated at the potential loss. Visitors from all over the Borough come to this area for their wellbeing.

If the council's policy is to build more high rise homes and flats then they must also consider the green spaces for residents to exercise and relax in otherwise Enfield will be no more than a concrete jungle. Yes we do have parks, however, as anyone who goes to Grovelands Park on a sunny day these are at full capacity and with the ever rising population of the borough and less private gardens we need all the green space we can get.

And what will become of the ancient hedgerows and habitats for wildlife, birds, butterflies, deer ... the list goes on.

This is a decision that must not be taken lightly, once gone we will never get these historic green sites back. There are sufficient brown field sites to build on before the green belt is even considered to be an option. It will be a very sad day for Enfield if this planning gets approved I pray this will not be the case.

