
To whom it may concern

Draft Local Plan Consultation - Green Belt

1. 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 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.

2. I also object to Policies SA62 page 383 and SP CL4 pages 277-279 because they transfer part of Whitewebbs Park, a public amenity, into private management. I reject the Council's analysis that Whitewebbs Golf Course was losing money and call for its reinstatement.

3. I am also objecting to Policy SA52 page 372, which would remove part of Rammey Marsh, a wildlife area and public amenity, from the Green Belt. 4. I am also objecting to the tall building policies on pages 156-160, Figure 7.3, Figure 7.4 and Policy DE6, and SA2 Palace Gardens Shopping Centre page 321 which propose areas for and the acceptable height of tall buildings which, in many cases would mar the landscape and are unnecessary because other lower-rise building forms could provide the same accommodation, as stated in the policy. The Draft Local Plan is wide-ranging and covers many issues.

The Green Belt is the lung of London, easily accessible by tube and busses. It is an absolute necessity to improve health and wellbeing, preserve nature and its inhabitants and agricultural food production. Building housing there would increase pollution through cars, traffic congestion and destroy nature especially at a time when its preservation is of the greatest importance for the survival of mankind. It would deprive Londoners of access to clean air, a human right.

The Crews Hill gardens centers for example create employment, revenue and are an attraction for visitors from near and far. It is economically very valuable; it must be supported and NOT destroyed by the Council.

Building houses in green belt areas means residents are cut off from the community like schools, nurseries and shopping centers with cafes, community centers and activities. It goes against the national policy of integration.

Affordable housing is a matter of urgency, yes, but the number target has to be carefully planned and realistic. Above all the sites need to be carefully chosen keeping our Green belt intact; Enfield RoadWatch has mapped out Brown Sites perfectly suited to building more homes. This has the advantage that existing amenities and transport facilities can be used, cutting down car travel and encouraging integration into communal living.

