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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:

Policy SP PL10, Land between Hadley Road and Enfield Road, EN2, 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 383; and

Policy SP CL4, pages 277-279

all of which propose the dedesignation of precious Green Belt for domestic housing and other purposes.

I fully support housing development in Enfield and the Council's ambition to meet the Borough's housing needs. Nevertheless, I strongly object to the Council's proposal to dedesignate Enfield's Green Belt for housing and other purposes.

The Council says that the proposal to build these homes is to help ensure that Enfield people who grew up in the Borough will have the opportunity to remain. Sadly, those local residents who currently find it difficult to meet their housing needs by buying their own homes in today's market will discover that those difficulties will not ease when trying to buy one of the proposed new high-quality developments built on Green Belt land: the developers' prices will be sky-high due to the cost of land and building requirements. The only likely purchasers will come from outside Enfield and Enfieldians will be in no better position. The only people to gain from these proposals will be wealthy outsiders and the developers, an outcome to be deplored by the Council.

The abundant losses will accrue to Enfield's residents. A function of Green Belt is to check the sprawl of large built-up areas and to safeguard the countryside from encroachment. I believe that Enfield's Green Belt is a precious resource that must be protected and preserved for future generations. It is too valuable to lose. It is part of the historic Enfield Chase which played an important role in the development and character of the Borough of Enfield. But it will be there no longer.

The comments set out in this response to the consultation are my own views.

