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Dear Councillors,

I 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.

The above policies aim to de-designate the greenbelt status of the areas in question either to build upon or to take away public access. Greenbelt land was created to protect areas of open countryside from development and to prevent urban sprawl. The need to protect open areas of land has not diminished and their importance has only increased in recent years as the climate disaster takes hold.

Councils across the UK are encroaching on green belt, so what may seem to you like a relatively small area of Enfield amounts to huge areas of the countryside being swallowed up across the country. Every field, ditch, tree, hedgerow, meadow and marsh count towards biodiversity and biodiversity is vital for the stability of the natural world. Please see the bigger picture and realise that what you plan to do is a mistake.

Building in these areas will lead to the loss of potential sites for food production; I would much rather see small organic farms run by the local community here than to have the landscape gouged and scarred by concrete. Open countryside is important for flood prevention and I worry that with more development, drains will become overwhelmed again and we'll see an increase in flooding.

Allowing these policies in the Draft Plan to go ahead will set a precedent for more greenbelt land to be lost in the future. The promise of protection obviously means nothing if it can be revoked so easily.

Building on greenbelt land will alter the character of the surrounding area and Enfield chase – land of historic importance – will be lost forever. I think more time and funds should be spent on

regenerating existing urban areas for the residents that already live there, instead of luring them out of their own neighbourhoods. Why not have more council housing or rent controlled areas?

The houses to be built will be 'deeply green' and 'sustainable' – what do these terms mean exactly? Can you describe how the development will meet those terms?

After reading through the council's recent leaflet I was left with more questions than answers:

Have any developers been chosen already? Or applied to be considered? I'm interested to know their track record.

The houses will apparently be 'genuinely affordable' – what figure/threshold counts as genuinely affordable? Why only 50% deemed as affordable?

How will cycling and walking be encouraged over driving? I imagine most people who live in an edge of town development will have a car.

The leaflet claims the plan will 'protect the unique heritage of our borough, invest in our green spaces and enhance our local wildlife'. How will building housing estates on previously green and unspoiled land achieve this?

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and I look forward to your responses,