
Dear Enfield Council,

Response to the Draft Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation 2021

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

In her foreword Cllr Caliskan states that over half Enfield's borough is blue or green and yet this plan proposes to destroy the valuable green by building on Green Belt. She also wants to protect our industry. Crews Hill is a unique area as it has the biggest concentration of Garden Centres in Europe. To lose this from the borough would be a catastrophic loss with devastating consequences. It is a jewel in the borough and already attracts enormous numbers of visitors from all over London and beyond, generating a vast amount of revenue and employment. Increasing the residency in this area will not bring affordable housing but will put all of these businesses in jeopardy.

I cannot comprehend how this can be a viable plan, if the proposal is for Enfield to be London's Green Lung, surely it should be increasing the green space, not destroying it! The Council has a duty of care for the Green Belt, in accordance with the London Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), and any intentions to release parts of it should be removed from the plan.

While I completely understand the need for improvements and affordable housing for the borough I believe there are more suitable sites that can be used for these developments.

I was born in Enfield and have lived here all of my life and have seen many changes over 6 decades. In my opinion, Enfield Council has formulated this plan to suit its own needs and not those of the people of Enfield.

With regards,