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There is a need for more housing in and around London and also the council needs to meet its housing targets. However we as a society have a responsibility to future generations in preventing short termism jeopardising long-term conservation of the environment in all of its forms. I feel very strongly about this. Each and every irretrievable loss of the green spaces, trees, fauna and wildlife is a denigration of our duty to protect the environment, not only for ourselves but for future generations. It seems that without having fully explored the brownfield sites that must be available in the borough, using Green Belt for development is an easy option. I am very concerned that once we start using Green Belt it will become a norm of what's acceptable. I feel very strongly indeed about this and I'm horrified by the thought of this becoming common practice.

The loss of Green Belt in Hadley Wood and future intensification of housing will not only have an environmental effect by removal of natural flora and fauna, it will enlarge urbanisation and by increasing the surface area of land which is concreted, it will substantially escalate the risk of flooding during heavy rainstorms, something that is already happening in our area and as we have alarmingly seen this week, in other parts of the UK.

Although there is a policy to increase housing near public transport so that the increase would not affect road usage, this is not a valid argument for Hadley Wood. The rail service is often unreliable. Long gaps between trains and then if one is cancelled there can be an even longer wait for a train. It's nothing like the tube service where trains are very much more frequent.

Increased housing of the extent planned, will put strain on the infrastructure, which is already inadequate to support the population, meaning that car usage is required for access to infrastructure facilities such as GP practices, shopping, schools etc. We have one small primary school in Hadley Wood, no GP Practice. A small one decker bus – 399 - that only operates once an hour between 10.45am and 14.45pm Monday to Friday. Since Hadley Wood is poorly supplied with exit roads, there is already frequently severe congestion in accessing Cockfosters Road and High Barnet. Increased traffic can only make this worse. And parking in The Crescent has become more and more difficult because of the increase of traffic coming from other areas to avail themselves of the free parking.

It is frightening to think that the council is considering removal of an even larger area of Green Belt at Chase Park, with the same environmental disregard as outlined above. It feels like this is a dangerous, slippery slope it shouldn't be contemplating venturing down.

I strongly object to the Plan.