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Sir,

Draft Local Plan-SiteSA45 Land between Camlet Way and Crescent West, Hadley Wood

I wish to object strongly to this part of the Draft local plan. I fully support all the arguments advanced by the Hadley Wood Association against this worrying proposal, which would permanently destroy a very important part of the Green Belt and completely alter the very special character of this area. I did not settle here, after many years living abroad, to be part of 'Greater Potters Bar' or in a suburb of Barnet and object most strongly. Building over the 11ha of open countryside as suggested would, in my opinion, be akin to vandalism and against the Council's green policies. It would inevitably increase the existing widespread risk of flooding in Hadley Wood and have generally devastating effects on the local environment.

The proposed housing estate itself has many flaws and is in the wrong location for a sustainable development, since there are, for example, no existing local amenities.e.g. no school, medical facilities or opportunities for local employment. At the same time it would be too small and isolated a development to warrant the enormous investment required to introduce such essential amenities. Many of the same criticisms apply to any indiscriminate intensification of density within 800 metres of the station.