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Dear Planning Department

May I ask you to please record that I object in the strongest possible terms to this proposed development.

In order to put my objection into perspective, I should point out that, come this September, I will have lived in Hadley Wood for 41 years. Over that time I have seen numerous developments, some of them good and some less so. And a few of these have had a direct impact on my very immediate surroundings. Yet in all that time, even when a development has had a negative effect on my family, I have never – not once – raised any planning objection. I have not done so because I accept that change is inevitable and it would be wrong to stand in the way of other people's reasonable plans.

But now, for the first time, I must register my objection to this utterly unreasonable proposed act of wanton destruction of beautiful countryside.

I am afraid that I have no knowledge of planning law. I must therefore leave it to others to address the legal aspects of this proposal. I can only limit myself to saying that I want to weep at the thought of what is being suggested for this landscape.

I find it bizarre that at the very time that this country is taking a lead in urging the world to protect the environment and act against global warming, the Council is even considering the removal of this green space. Green space which, I should add, is of particular ecological and historical value.

It is also illogical. For all practical purposes, the only public transport in the area is a railway line into and out of London, and local amenities are minimal. What that inevitably means is that everyone in the proposed estate would be forced to use a car for just about anything with all the attendant implications for the environment and local traffic.

I hope I can thank you in advance for rejecting what I can only imagine is someone's opportunistic attempt to make some money.

Yours sincerely,