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Dear Sirs

I have lived in Hadley Wood for over 30 years, and am a member of the Hadley Wood Association. Our children attended Hadley Wood Primary School. I value all the green spaces and open areas within Hadley Wood and the surrounding area. I was drawn to the locality, as it was surrounded by Green Belt, which protects the special character of the area, and helps to promote the health and wellbeing of the local community and beyond, including Chipping Barnet and Enfield. We have made great use of local walks and footpaths, and have appreciated our local open spaces, particularly over the last year, during Covid -19. I therefore object to the proposed site allocation, which would allow the development of 160 homes on Green Belt land.

1. Enfield Council have a policy of becoming Carbon Neutral, and already have a scheme whereby 100,000 new trees are being planted to expand Enfield Chase, and beyond - the area around Slopers End Farm and Salmons Brook, for example, has also been tree planted recently - a welcome policy, in view of climate change, and its effects on the world. Building 160 homes on Green Belt land is a quick, short -term, profit making, but inefficient plan. The plan contradicts Enfield's Green Policies, and the declaration by the Council, of a Climate Emergency. The local ecology of this unique area, which historically is part of Enfield Chase, should be protected.
2. Enfield Council have not mentioned any "exceptional circumstances" as to why this specific Green Belt site should be used to build 160 homes.
3. This proposal is an opportunistic development, whereby the Duchy of Lancaster achieve a huge cash windfall profit due to planning gain, and the Council see it as an easy option to build on Green Belt, rather than investigating and using existing brown or other vacant sites, or by re- using current disused, or vacant residential homes, in Enfield.
4. The site shouldn't be classed as "available "and should not be included as an allocated site. This site should not be included for development in 10 + years' time, as other brown field sites will become available within that timeframe. Also, the agricultural tenants lease runs beyond the 5-year threshold.
5. I am concerned about flooding on the site. With Climate change now causing flooding in many parts of the UK, parts of this land are already included in Flood Zone 3, and local sewers and flood defences are insufficient.
6. The proposal goes against Enfield Council's most recent Characterisation Study, which

refers this area as "a special area of landscape character, which is a major asset for the Borough. It is of both landscape and historic significance" and also "The existing Green Belt boundary should be retained and protected, and future development and land use changes should be resisted". How can Enfield Council and the Duchy of Lancaster therefore, now be proposing this scheme?

I strongly feel this application should be rejected.