
Dear Sir / Madam ,

I have lived in Hadley Wood since the age of 3 meaning I have been a resident here for 21 years, and therefore and writing to you to inform you of my **strong objection to your abhorrent proposal of 160 homes on Green Belt Land**. I grew up in the area, I used to play football for one of the local football teams on the land you propose to build on! I would be lying to myself and you if I didn't voice that I feel personally insulted by this proposition for a number of reasons that I will list below. To preface this email with a general observation, I love Hadley wood, I always have and always will. Its bad enough that opportunistic property developers have been able to construct monstrous blocks of flats along camlet way which we now see creeping its way onto the smaller, quieter roads. I plan to bring up my family and children up in the area for the simple reason that is a stunning area, both its seclusive nature from the busy local areas and its large areas of green belt land and natural beauty. Honestly this proposal would destroy the area.

Please see a few reasons why this proposed plan should be scrapped and never re-looked at:

1. The area doesn't have the infrastructure. As a resident of 21 years myself and the rest of my family have recently struggled to be allowed to stay with our local GP (in New Barnet) as we are barely in the catchment area, along with a growing population in Barnet itself. We don't have the transport links, there is one bus that goes through Hadley wood between 10-3pm (I believe) and at a frequency of every 20 mins possibly every hour! The same goes for the trainline, over the years the train companies have reduced the frequency of trains that stop in Hadley wood meaning that this would put extreme pressure on both those services and or mean that there would be an increase reliance on cars resulting in the further destruction of wildlife due to extra emissions. The roads themselves wouldn't be able to handle the extra traffic between the people who use our area as a cut through it would increase congestions and journey times, not to mention both noise and CO2 pollution. There is also a distinct lack of local GPs, public dentists, shops, petrol station..... everything.
2. Furthering infrastructure, the local amenities for example drainage aren't able to sustain such an increase in 'residents' the area is already prone to flooding, we have experienced out garage flood several times in the last year thankfully that was the worst we experience however friends have had entire living rooms engulfed in water and that's just from increase rainfall. The area simply wouldn't be able to sustain such an increase in residency. Parts of the land are flood zone 3, local sewers are already insufficient. The existing surface water infrastructure has not kept up with the pace of development.
3. It is to my understanding that Enfield council has specific 'Green policies'. How can such a proposal be made knowing it will be eliminating a sizable area of green belt land, at the same time the government is trying to increase the amount of green belt land (Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government Paragraphs 137 to 151) ? The Hadley wood heritage site (part of hornbeam hill area) that separated Hadley wood from adjacent urban areas not only serves a wildlife/nature reserve (in respect to the local area) but it also serves as an area that promotes biodiversity from an insect level. Over the years the government plans have hugely disrupted this biodiversity, about 10 or 15 years ago there

were fences erected along the trainline and a once bustling garden of deer, rabbits and other shrub eating mammals were no longer able to enter the gardens and subsequently killed on the tracks. This proposed plan would have the same, if not worse impact.

4. The council have not outlined the 'exceptional circumstances' as to why this specific Green Belt site should be released for development for 160 homes out of the 25,000 by 2039. This site should not even be listed as "available " and should not be included as an allocation site . The agricultural tenant's lease runs beyond the 5 year threshold and this Green Belt site should not be included for development in 10+ years time, as other brownfield locations will become available within that time to replace these 160 homes. Our precious Green Belt, with its historical significance and landscape character is a major asset to the borough and should be retained! Therefore I would demand that the above proposal be revoked and never considered again.

I strongly believe that this would inevitably lead to the degradation of Hadley wood from an agricultural, environmental perspective but also a humanitarian perspective where the reputability and all round general admiration of the area held by both its residents and residents in surrounding areas that fills me with pride. Hadley wood is an area to strive towards, and area that most would love to live in (in my experience) , why go and destroy that with this proposed plan of 160 new homes?