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I have lived in Hadley Wood for 49 years, on and off, am a member of the Hadley Wood Association and have children attending the local nursery. I choose to make Hadley Wood my home due to the benefit of all the open green space in the area, the village feel due to low density development and knowledge the surroundings are protected by formal "Green Belt" designation.

I therefore wish to object to the proposed site allocation which would allow the development of 160 homes on Green Belt land for the following reasons:

1. The proposal contradicts the very reason for it's original Green Belt designation, to check the relentless advance of London development. Open spaces are vital to the physical and mental wellbeing of local residents and therefore this land has a high value in it's current use.
2. Hadley Wood achieves it's village character by low-density development, ample greenery and low population density. This proposed development would cause greater intensification of demand for all services, such as road use, demand for currently oversubscribed primary school, etc.
3. The site is surrounded by Hadley Wood and Monken Hadley Conservation Areas. The proposed development would impinge on the character and appearance of these areas.
4. Development of this site purely for the reason it is relatively close to a train station is a flawed policy. The vast majority of journeys to and from Hadley Wood are by car, especially as Hadley Wood lacks many amenities. There is no doctor's surgery, no post office, no secondary school and only a very basic bus service to High Barnet.
5. This development would increase flood risk in the area and damage local wildlife habitat. In fact, during heavy rain you can see part of the area in question suffers from flooding on a regular basis.

For the above reasons and more I wish to formally object to this proposed development.