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Dear Sir or Madam,

As a long time resident of Hadley Wood, I would like to protest in the strongest possible terms to this mooted development.

I recognise that I am open to the accusation of NIMBYism, and yes, because I chose to live in Hadley Wood because of the lovely environment here, I do feel very strongly about a development that would completely change the nature of the area.

However, bearing in mind that the Council has planning rules that are designed for the very specific purpose of protecting the beneficial characteristics of the various areas for which it is responsible, my objection is totally in line with the publicly stated objectives of the Council.

I need not take up your time arguing that this proposal would destroy valuable green belt, as this is self-evident. The fact that this would be ecologically destructive is also beyond dispute. It is also patently clear that the site in question has no supporting infrastructure in the form of public transport, significant shops, schools, medical services etc.

Therefore, as this proposal is for the development on a site for which it is clearly unsuitable, please can the Council explain what extraordinary circumstances have led to this proposal even reaching this initial stage? Please can the Council explain what other sites have been considered? And as the proposed 160 new homes are such a relatively tiny proportion of the number of homes required, how can the Council justify this disproportionate use of resources?

Please reconsider