

Dear Sirs

I have lived in Hadley Wood for all my life and was fortunate to attend the local primary school. I love the area with its wide green streets and expansive open spaces. During lockdown I started to walk all the streets including Waggon road and Barnet Road and its from there that you can appreciate the beautiful views across the landscape across Hertsmere, Barnet and Enfield which culminates into this field. It is therefore not surprising that Herts County Council have sought to protect this valuable landscape within the Hornbeam Hills South Area of Special Character, which Enfield Council endorsed. It's not clear to me why the council have sought to now ignore this and remove the land from the green belt and allocate it for development. The meadow forms an important part of Hadley Wood segregating the Borough from London Borough of Barnet and helps to protect the special character of the area. The Council have declared a climate change emergency, but their action in seeking to promote development on a site that would be highly reliant on car traffic goes completely against this policy.

I therefore object to the proposed release of this meadow in Hadley Wood from the green belt and its draft allocation for housing development on the following grounds.

1. **The Local Plan does not prioritise all the brown field sites in the Borough. Surely all the Councils own development land at**

Meridian Water should be included in this 20 year plan. Only once all the brown field land has been exhausted should the council seek to release green

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This allocation destroys a valued and valuable part of the Green Belt. The councils recent Characterisation Study refers to the area as “a special area

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3) The meadow makes a significant contribution to the purposes and openness of the Green Belt. The Hadley Wood Heritage and Character

Assessment notes that the site provides "important views" and the landscape acts as a buffer separating Hady Wood from other urban areas". No a

ccount has been taken of the fact that the site forms part of the Hornbeam Hills Area of Special Character. **4) This is simply not a sustainable location. This is not a**

sustainable site . It has poor public transport links with a PTAL 1a/b. Despite the re- being a station close by, the next stops either side of Haldy Wood

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Can you please therefore
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next edition of the Local
Plan and retain the green
belt status.

