

Dear Sirs,

I frequently visit Hadley Wood to walk my dog in the secluded fields. I value all the green spaces within Hadley Wood and was drawn to the locality as it is surrounded by Green Belt, which protects the special character of the area. There are no real green spaces like this that I can let my dog run around, without fear. I therefore object to the proposed site allocation, which would allow the development of 160 homes on Green Belt land.

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) 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 of landscape character which is a major asset for the borough. It states, “It is of both landscape and historic significance”; and “The existing Green Belt boundary should be retained and protected, and future development and land use changes resisted”. This has been completely ignored.

2) Site is surrounded by 2 x Conservation Areas. The site is bordered and overlooked by the Hadley Wood Conservation Area, the Monken Hadley Conservation Area as well as Grade II listed buildings on Camlet Way. It would be impossible to build on the land without adversely impacting the setting, character, and appearance of these essential heritage assets.

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 Hadley Wood from other urban areas”. No account has been taken of the fact the site forms part of the Hornbeam Hills Area of Special Character.

Can you please therefore remove this proposed site allocation from the next edition of the Local
Plan.