

My name is Joselyn Lee and have lived in Hadley Wood for 12 years and am a member of the Hadley Wood Association / Hadley Wood Tennis Club and my children attend Hadley Wood Primary School]. 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. I therefore object to the proposed site allocation, which would allow the development of 160 homes on Green Belt land.

1) Plan fails to develop/prioritise all brownfield sites. There is no prioritisation of brownfieldsites and, for example, only part of Meridian Water’s capacity is included in the 20 year plan. Instead, the easy option of building on a Green Belt site with poor local connections and amenities has been chosen.

2) 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.

3) Wildlife and biodiversity would be harmed. Building over 11ha of fields for 160 homes is an inefficient use of valuable land that serves an important purpose, and contradicts Enfield’s green policies and the declaration by the Council of a Climate Emergency. The ecology of this unique area of rough grazing and wildlife habitat, a relic of the landscape of Enfield Chase, should be protected.

4) Wrong location for a sustainable development. This is not a sustainable site. It has poor public transport links with a PTAL 1a/b. The scheme would be wholly reliant on cars, as there are very limited local amenities, no local GP, no post office, no secondary school, an oversubscribed primary school and virtually no local employment.

5) Too small for infrastructure investment. 160 new homes do not warrant the investment needed to increase schools, healthcare services, shops, leisure facilities, etc The school is only a ONE FORM ENTRY OF 30 CHILDREN.. far too small as it is for local residents!!!

Can you please therefore remove this proposed site allocation from the next edition of the Local Plan and retain the green belt status for the land.

Many thanks for all your help.. my contact details as above are: