

Subject: **Draft Local Plan - Site SA45 - Land between Camlet Way and Crescent West, Hadley Wood.**

I have lived near Hadley Wood for 50 years and a regular visitor to the Church. I value all the green spaces within Hadley Wood and the surrounding 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. Unnecessary large scale destruction of Green Belt.

The local Plan proposes a quarter of the 25,000 new homes to be built on Green Belt land, in breach of national policies, the London Plan and Enfield's own Climate Change Action Plan. To build 25% of the new homes on Green Belt land cannot be justified. There is no justification why 160 out of the 25,000 homes should be built on the Hadley Wood site when such a small number of homes could easily be found outside the Green Belt.

2. Increased housing in Hadley Wood is not " sustainable development".

Hadley Wood is car dependent as local public transport links are very limited, local amenities are lacking and the area is prone to flooding due to inadequate sewers/ drainage. Nevertheless, the Plan proposes the new housing development and site intensification without investment to improve infrastructure.

3. Plan fails to develop/prioritise all brownfield sites.

There is no settlements hierarchy or prioritisation of brownfield sites and, for example, only half of Meridian Water's housing capacity is included in the 20 year old plan.

4. Site is surrounded by Conservation Areas and Grade II listed buildings.

The site is sandwiched between the Hadley Wood Conservation Area and the Monken Hadley Conservation Area, with Grade II listed buildings on Camlet Way. The Plan's proposals will adversely impact the setting, character and appearance of those heritage assets. The Council has not produced any evidence to assess the level of harm and should therefore not be allocating the site without such evidence.

5. Will destroy the beautiful landscape.

The site sits within an Area of Special Character landscape that is a major asset for the Borough. This landscape should be protected and the existing Green Belt boundary should be retained.

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.