

To all concerned,

I am a resident of Hadley wood for over ten years, and a member of HWA. We chose this area specifically because of its surrounding green belt and the quality of life this area provides.

The proposal to build the 160 homes is an outrage. What is the motivation behind this?

One must weigh up the benefits and losses to see what wins.

There are no amenities to sustain this many homes- primary schools already have a waiting list, no secondary schools. Doctors, shops, leisure activities? They are at a minimum.

The only playing fields would be obstructed by housing if left at all. The buses are at a distance. It means over 160 cars would be using one or two roads regularly.

The impact on the environment is my main concern. What happens to the air quality? With added congestion, air pollution, noise pollution will result. The sewage and water requirements would adversely effect the fragile system now in place. We have flooding when it rains on our roads now. Power shortages and overused utilities?

Instead of helping the environment by planting trees, allowing wildlife meadows to flourish, increasing animal habitats to soften the blow to our world and climate change, you are considering making it WORSE?

What are the pros to these cons? The builders and land agents will make money and stay employed. One has only to look at the amount of building and disruption it causes on every street in Hadley, to realize that building 160 homes will wreak havoc to the lives of those who chose this area and have lived quietly in it for many years.

There is an essence to this semi rural existence. It is peace and quiet and a feeling that we are not destroying our planet or disturbing the environment any more than absolutely necessary.

Legally, is it acceptable to use green belt rather than other brown belt areas? All other options explored and rejected based on what?

Someone is seeing this as a great opportunity to make money rather than considering the community in which this area lives. We are a happy, peaceful, relatively small number of streets and we want Hadley Wood to remain that way.

During covid, and for years before, we have walked and will continue to walk through every public path, through the fields of green, knowing that green belt was meant for the community and the environment to sustain itself.

It is a conservation area, an asset to our greater world and we do not want to destroy it.

Thank you for your time.