

I have been a resident in Hadley Wood for 38 years and have raised 2 children here. I am a member of the Hadley Wood Association and my children attended courses at the Tennis Club, Playgroup as it was then and Ballet classes at the HW Association. I am a regular member of Hadley Wood Church and for 15 years I was also an active member of the HWA social committee organising events for HW residents. My husband and I were drawn to the area by the beautiful green spaces which surround us here which give an immense feeling of calm and tranquility as you enter Hadley Wood, and are a welcome respite from the hustle and bustle of city life. My husband, now deceased, worked for many years in the City and welcomed his walk home over the green space beside the Station and School so he could relax after a hectic day at work before he got home to our busy household. I therefore object to the building of 160 new homes on green belt land that is proposed in our quiet and peaceful village.

My reasons for this are as follows

1 the infrastructure is not there to support this new development. The School cannot possibly cope with the influx of children this new development would need. Neither are there shops to support a large increase in the population. The road Crescent East and Crescent West near the station is already full of commuters cars. Where are all these new commuters going to park?

2 Hadley Wood is an important buffer for other outlying towns and has beautiful views which would be destroyed if it is allowed to spread to a larger area. In other words the Green Belt would be destroyed and the area of Hadley WOOD would no longer be recognisable.

3 Wildlife and biodiversity would be harmed by the building of 160 new homes on 11 ha of farmland. Land which Enfield should be protecting to ensure this Green Belt land survives for future generations. This contradicts Enfield's green belt policy and risks destroying grazing land and wildlife habitat which has been there for generations, a relic of Enfield Chace which should be protected.

4 This development will increase flood risk to the whole area of Hadley Wood. We already have homes at the bottom of Beech Hill Avenue flooding so that one property has sand bags strategically placed around its borders during the recent storms we have experienced lately. Drainage had not been able to keep up with the new developments already taking place in the area and this new huge development would add immense strain to our existing drainage problems.

For these reasons I am against the building of this new development and I hope these points will be taken into due consideration by the planners.