

Dear Sirs

Draft Local Plan – Site SAA45 – Land between Camlet Way and Crescent West, Hadley Wood

I am a member of Hadley Wood Association and I and my family greatly value the green spaces within Hadley Wood and we were drawn to the locality as it is surrounded by Green Belt who protects the special character of the area. I therefore object strongly to the proposed site allocation which would allow development of 160 homes on Green Belt Land.

Why are brownfield sites not being considered and prioritised? Brown field sites often have water provision made by suppliers. They also often have better local connections and amenities. The green belt land enhances and helps with conservation and moves to help the fight to save our planet. Wildlife and biodiversity of building on green sites would harm wildlife and biodiversity. Your own Council has declared a climate emergency and this would increase this problem.

This area has very little infrastructure to support all these additional homes. There seems no consideration of infrastructure in the area. It is almost impossible to get a local doctor as all are at or over capacity and the same with the difficulty to get a child into a local school. Classes grow to 40 in primary schools and this is extremely harmful to the children and will hamper their development and education.

There is also a very real risk of flooding in parts of Hadley Wood as the existing foul and service water sewer infrastructure has not kept up with the extremely high pace of development. Dozens of large properties in our immediate area have been converted to flats greatly increasing the demands on the water and sewerage systems.

For all these reasons and many others not least of all the need of the local population for green areas on grounds of mental health and well being we object to this proposed building on green belt land.