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Dear Sirs,

I wish to object to the proposed release of this green belt site and the site allocation in Hadley Wood, which would allow the development of 160 homes on green belt land for the following reasons:

I am a regular visitor to Hadley Wood and stay a fortnight every year with my son. I really enjoy the green open area and get great pleasure in looking across at the horses grazing in the subject site from Crescent West to see the beautiful landscape. I cannot believe the Council is seeking to remove the green belt designation to allow the site to be developed into housing. Why is the Council seeking to build 25% of their new homes on the green belt which goes against national planning policies, the London Plan and Enfield's own Climate Change Action Plan. Why is the Council looking to build on this green belt when it has declared a climate emergency? Tackling climate change is not achieved by building on the green belt. Surely, by building on the green belt, the Council is making the situation worse. Building 25% of the new homes it says are required 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.

Increased housing in Hadley Wood is not 'sustainable development'. Hadley Wood is a totally car dependent neighbourhood as local public transport links are very poor, local amenities (GP, post office, schooling, leisure) are really lacking and the existing area is prone to flooding. Nevertheless, the Plan proposes the new housing development and site intensification without any investment to improve the infrastructure that would be required to mitigate new development.

The Local Plan fails to develop/prioritise all brownfield sites.

The Local Plan does not give enough priority to brownfield sites. The council would rather protect all SIL land, even if it is poorly used and instead build on the green belt. Surely, poor SIL land could be developed into mixed uses to provide both employment and housing.

The 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.

Any development on this site will destroy the beautiful landscape.

The site sits within an Area of Special Character landscape that is a major asset for the borough. The Council have not provided any justification as to why this landscape should no longer be protected or why the existing green belt boundary should not be retained.

I therefore strongly urge the Council to change the Local Plan to retain the green belt and remove the site allocation.

