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I moved to Hadley Wood in 1982 as a child. Fast forward a few decades later , now as a parent myself , I am fortunate to be raising a family of my own here. All our three children have attended Hadley Wood Nursery and continued at Hadley Wood Primary School. Our daughter attended Ballet classes at the Hadley Wood Association Hall. Most recently, my family and I reinstated our Hadley Wood Association membership. It is an incredible place to live along with its friendly and supportive community. The key reason we chose to live here to raise our family, as my parents had done, nearly 40 years ago, was Green Belt. It truly adds something special to the area and the views , after all years never fails to impress us. The opportunity for my children, as I had done as a child, to have Green Belt surrounding us provides the freedom to run, walk and play in these glorious surroundings with uninterrupted views of nature . The Covid-19 pandemic only reinforced the reasons for our children to be raised here. I therefore, OBJECT to the proposed site allocation to develop 160 homes on Green Belt land.

1. This proposal sabotages a valuable part of our Green Belt. The recent Characterisation Study carried out by Enfield refers to it as a “special area of landscape character which is a major asset for the Borough”. Both the landscape and historic significance “ and “The existing Green Belt boundary should be retained and protected , and future development and land use changes resisted”. Therefore, this is a direct contradiction with what is currently proposed.
2. Compromises Wildlife and biodiversity. This land provides significant space for wildlife and biodiversity to continue to live and thrive. Again, this contradicts Enfield’s policies and the declaration by the Council of a Climate Emergency. The ecology of this special area of rough grazing and wildlife habitat should not be compromised and MUST continue to be protected.
3. The development is in the wrong location for a substantial development. It has poor public transport links with a PTAL 1a/b. The development and those potentially living in these homes would be reliant on cars. Currently, we have limited amenities , no local GP, no post office , no secondary school and an oversubscribed primary school .

I feel this is a lazy approach by Enfield to point to this Green Belt land to

propose 160 new homes to be built. I am sure, within Enfield , it has brownfield sites / undeveloped areas which have not been fully explored to justify this proposal . Furthermore, the proposal so far, does nothing but contradict itself as mentioned in my objections stated above.

Thank you for your time reading and documenting my objections.