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I have lived in Hadley Wood for almost 30 years, moving to Claremont Road in 1992, then to Waggon Road and finally to Parkgate Avenue in 2009. My children attended Hadley Wood Playgroup and Hadley Wood Primary School, I am a member of the Hadley Wood Association and played tennis at Hadley Wood Tennis Club for many years. I also have a dog that I regularly walk on land adjacent to the green belt land being discussed for development.

One of the main reasons I have remained in Hadley Wood all these years is due to the unique character of the area, with the stunning views across green belt and lovely woodland.

I strongly object to the building of 160 homes on green belt land as I believe that it will destroy the beauty and character of the area, and will set a precedent for the building on green belt in general.

In Hadley Wood there is a growing problem with flooding, which has been linked to increased building in the area, and tarmacking of gardens. This development would exacerbate the issues already being experienced. Parts of the land are flood zone 3.

The land should be transferred to public ownership to ensure that local people can look after it in the proper way, with the interest of the community put first, rather than profits from selling on the land to developers.

I hope that this plan will be turned down, or that there can be an agreement to pass this land to public ownership and a proper plan for how to ensure that any building would be minimal and final.