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I have lived in Hadley Wood for 27 years and my child attends Hadley Wood Primary School, as well as Hadley Wood tennis club. The reason I have lived in Hadley Wood so long is because the area has special village feel largely due to the surrounding Green Belt. I therefore object to the proposed development on Green Belt land.

My main objections are as follows:

1. **Precious Green Belt land will be ruined** - Hadley Wood is an area of special landscape character which adds value to the borough and represents historic importance per Enfield's most recent Characterisation study . Therefore the existing Green Belt area should be kept & protected both now and in the future. It would also harm the wildlife and environment at a time when we face a climate emergency as declared by Enfield Council themselves. This would also go against Enfield's green policies.
2. **Lack of local amenities make this an unsuitable location for development** - There are poor transport links, limited local amenities, no local employment and an oversubscribed primary school. Additionally there is no state secondary school in the area, GP or post office.
3. **Not enough places available at the local primary school** - There are currently a number of people living in Hadley Wood, many of whom have lived here for many years, that have been unable to get their children places at Hadley Wood Primary school. The addition of large number of other residents would only exasperate this problem. It also seems highly unfair that new residents at this development site so close to the school would then get priority to school places over existing residents.
4. **No new investment in infrastructure** - The 160 new homes will not result in required investment needed to increase schools, transport connections or healthcare services and only put more pressure on the existing amenities.
5. **Increase in flood risk in Hadley Wood** - Hadley Wood already suffers from frequent flooding due to poor local sewer & flood defences. I know this first hand as my parents house (in Crescent East) has experienced flooding many times. I am greatly concerned that the building on land, some of which are in flood zone 3, would only exasperate the problem. The current infrastructure has not kept up with development and does not meet the requirements.

In summary, I believe this is an unsuitable development which should be withdrawn.

