
Dear Sir / Madam

I have lived in Hadley Wood for 33 years and am a member of the Hadley Wood Association.

The value of the green spaces within Hadley Wood is paramount to the reason for me choosing to live here and bring up my family. We are surrounded by Green Belt, which protects the special character of the area. I therefore object to the proposed site allocation, which would allow the development of 160 homes on Green Belt land.

1) **Plan fails to develop/prioritise all brownfield sites.** There is no prioritisation of brownfield sites and, for example, only part of Meridian Water's capacity is included in the 20 year plan. Instead, the easy option of building on a Green Belt site with poor local connections and amenities has been chosen.

2) **Destroys a valued and valuable part of the Green Belt.** Enfield's most recent Characterisation Study refers to the area as "a special area of landscape character which is a major asset for the borough. It is of both landscape and historic significance"; and "The existing Green Belt boundary should be retained and protected, and future development and land use changes resisted".

3) **Makes a significant contribution to the purposes and openness of the Green Belt.** The Hadley Wood Heritage and Character Assessment notes that the site provides "important views" and the landscape "acts as a buffer separating Hadley Wood from other urban areas". No account has been taken of the fact the site forms part of the Hornbeam Hills Area of Special Character.

4) **Increases flood risk in other parts of Hadley Wood.** Parts of the land are flood zone 3, and local sewers/flood defences are already insufficient, resulting in frequent flooding across Hadley Wood. The existing foul and surface water sewer infrastructure has not kept up with the pace of development.

5) **Too small for infrastructure investment.** 160 new homes do not warrant the investment needed to increase schools, healthcare services, shops, leisure facilities, etc.

6) **Site is surrounded by Conservation Areas and Grade II listed buildings.** The site is bordered and overlooked by the Hadley Wood Conservation Area, the Monken Hadley Conservation Area and Grade II listed buildings on Camlet Way. It would be impossible to build on that site without it adversely impacting the setting, character and appearance of those heritage assets.

7) **The Site should not be classed as 'Available' and should not be included as an allocated site.** The agricultural tenant's lease runs beyond the 5 year threshold and this Green Belt site should not be included for development in 10+ years' time, as other brownfield locations will become available to replace these 160 homes within that timeframe.

Please would you kindly acknowledge this email.

Yours faithfully