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I have lived in Hadley Wood for 20 years and am a member of the Hadley Wood Association.

I value all the green spaces within Hadley Wood and was drawn to the locality as it is 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 for the following reasons:

Hadley Wood is not a sustainable location for a new housing estate. The only primary school is already full with a long waiting list. There are few services, and only a small parade near the station. The trains are for London commuters and do not connect us with the borough. The bus at the station only provides a limited daytime service to Barnet and not the borough. Cars journeys by new residents will be essential, adding to traffic pollution and congestion, contrary to policies for cycling and walking and to the whole rationale for building near the station.

The Green Belt must be protected and conserved in North West Enfield where it serves vital purposes including separation from Barnet and Potters Bar, helping air quality in the borough and biodiversity. It cannot be right to plan to destroy this Green Belt, directly contrary to all green and climate change policies. We should be protecting and conserving our remaining green spaces now and for future generations.

It is not clear to me how Enfield Council have concluded that the fields should be removed from the Green Belt and developed for residential housing. There is no indication of the Council having undertaken proper due diligence to determine the site is suitable and available, there is missing information in the Evidence Base, no heritage assessment and no landscape assessment, and it is acknowledged that there are no local services. It is therefore difficult to comprehend how the Council could put forward this site.