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To whom it may concern

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As 'newly weds' in 1971 we moved into 8 Waggon Road, the Cockfosters Road end, looking across towards Stagg Hill and green fields. I had grown up and farmed on a mixed farm on the Northamptonshire/Leicestershire borders so understood the need to continue suitable housing along with the care of our precious countryside. A growing family meant we needed more space so we moved happily out to Essendon but never lost our very strong connections with Hadley Wood and our many friends there and continued to support the Hadley Wood Association, Hadley Wood Golf Club and many other activities.

Now, sadly recently widowed, I would very much like to return to live in Hadley Wood and am pursuing this but to a suitably balanced society and I am horrified at these ill thought out proposals. I remember so well the many rules and regulations of the Duchy of Lancaster but, on the whole, it meant thoughtful developments which suited the area and a balanced society living there. I am surprised and worried by the amount of traffic over recent years and the parking difficulties with cars becoming bigger and bigger and many more of them. Modern developments over the years in Kingwell Road, Claremont Road and Courtleigh Avenue have been thoughtfully fitted in amidst the existing attractive older property and the very popular, always oversubscribed, school will not be able to take more children so what will happen to those in this suggested new development?

I also remember the many rules and restrictions of the Duchy of Lancaster but it meant, on the whole, thoughtful developments which suited the area. These new proposals, along with the virtual wiping out of Cockfosters Station as a northern connection for travellers into London, are going to mean excessive motor traffic over a wide area and almost impossible safe parking and mobility for existing residents.

Sadly it seems that quick moneymaking is taking over from sensible developments and it needs much more serious thought before anything goes ahead.