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I am an Enfield Council resident and have enjoyed these spaces over the last 40+ years, it would be a huge shame to see the deterioration of these green local spaces. I feel very strongly that the Green Belt protects the special character of Hadley Wood and therefore object to the proposed sit allocation, which would allow the development of 160 homes on Green Belt land.

The main reasons for objection are:

1. Brownfield sites have not been prioritised before this Green Belt area. There are poor local connections and amenities in the Green Belt area and without further development of nearby infrastructure this will caused further issues to local residents and commuters.
2. This plan will destroy the current Green Belt beauty which should be protected. Enfield Council 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”. “The Green Belt boundary should be retained and protected, and future development and land use changes resisted”. It is very unclear as to why this decision could be accepted and this area ruined.
3. The purpose of the Green Belt for its contribution to the local area and openness of the space that The Green Belt provides. The purpose of the Green Belt, according to The Hadley Wood Heritage & Character Assessment “acts as a buffer separating Hadley Wood from other urban areas” and provides “important views” which landmark the areas. This area also has huge historic value as it is the location that the Battle of Barnet took place in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century and that the site forms part of Hornbeams Hills Area of Special Character.
4. Hadley Wood and the Green Belt area is home to Enfield’s wildlife and harming this area would reduce the biodiversity which contradicts Enfield’s green policies and the declaration by the Council of Climate Emergency. This unique area of rough grazing and wildlife habitat should be protected.