
To whom it may concern,

Please note my objection to the planned development of the above site. This Green Belt area provides lovely views and wildlife habitat in the Hadley Wood environs.

As a regular visitor to the area I was shocked that a housing development was being considered for this part of Hadley Wood and Monken Hadley.

Once the Green Belt is developed it cannot be brought back and utilised for recreation and wildlife habitat. Surely, brown field sites should be considered first.

For over seven years I have been visiting friends and family in the area and feel the last thing Hadley Wood needs is a housing estate.

Other objections that I would like to be considered are as follows:

Brownfield sites do not appear to have been prioritised in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework. As an example, why has the full capacity of the Meridian Water site not been included in the 20 year plan. Instead, the Council has chosen the easy option of building on our Green Belt with poor local connections and amenities

The most recent Characterisation Study undertaken by 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”; and “The existing Green Belt boundary should be retained and protected, and future development and land use changes resisted”. Why then has it chosen to destroy a valued part of our 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 that the site forms part of the Hornbeam Hills Area of Special Character. It also ignores the fact that the area has significant historic value as it was where the Battle of Barnet took place in the 15th Century.

Building over 11ha of fields for 160 homes is an inefficient use of valuable Green Belt land that serves an important purpose, and contradicts Enfield’s green policies and the declaration by the Council of a Climate Emergency. The ecology of this unique area of rough grazing and wildlife habitat, a relic of the landscape of Enfield Chase, should be protected.

This is not a sustainable site. It has poor public transport links with a PTAL 1a/b.

The scheme would be wholly reliant on cars, as there are very limited local amenities, no local GP, no post office, no secondary school, an oversubscribed primary school and virtually no local employment

Yours faithfully