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I am writing to object to the site allocation mentioned in the title, which I understand would allow the development of 160 homes on green belt land. I request that this proposed site allocation is removed from the local plan and green belt status is retained.

Some of the important reasons are as follows:

Overall I strongly object to anything which reduces the green belt in our local area. It is vitally important environmental resource. In these days of (justified) extreme concern over negative environmental change, any removal of green belt is extremely worrying for the futures of those who are here now and future generations.

In general the development would involve removal of many trees and other plant life, together with the diversity of wildlife that makes these places their homes. Biodiversity in the UK is already under significant pressure and we owe it to ourselves and future generations to maintain as much as possible of the environment which supports our wildlife.

Even considering only the potential human cost, we have seen only in very recent months the dangers that arise from increased flooding, both in this country and in neighbouring European countries. Further development on green belt area, especially at the level proposed, will only increase the risk of such damage in the future.

The meadows which are threatened by this plan are part of an Area of Special Character which stretches across three boroughs, forming a "green corridor". They are linked with two conservation areas in Hadley Wood and Monken Hadley. Removing these meadows from the green belt would irretrievably damage this special area.

There is no evidence that development on the green belt is necessary in any case. The Council has access now, and will have further access over the coming years, to significant brownfield sites. Many of these are already owned by the Council. There appears to be no need whatsoever to involve the green belt, in particular a sensitive site such as this one.

It is furthermore not appropriate to introduce this many new homes into the location of Hadley Wood. There is one primary school, which is always significantly oversubscribed. There is only one Enfield community secondary school even close to Hadley Wood (Southgate School) and this is also oversubscribed.

There is a small parade of shops near the station but there are no other local services. Access to any other Enfield services will not be by public transport, because the trains that pass through the station head either into central London or out into Hertfordshire. They do not connect with Enfield. There is one, infrequent, bus, which runs to Barnet High Street. So adding this proposed number of additional residents will inevitably mean the necessity of a significantly higher number of car journeys. This further adds to likely environmental damage.

Yours faithfully