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I moved to Hadley Wood in 1993 ,joined the Hadley Wood Horticultural Society and was the Treasurer for 15+ years. Further I am a member of Hadley Wood Association and a founder member of the Hadley Wood Planning Forum .I make this statement to evidence my long term and standing commitment to the area. When moving to the area green spaces were one of the major attractions. The Green Belt as it currently exists protects the unique character of Hadley Wood and I therefore object to the proposed site allocation, which would allow the development 160 homes on Green Belt land.

The area under the proposal does not lend itself to such development given it is sloping and sensitive site adjacent to neighbouring Green Belt ,as well as in the setting of Hadley Wood Conservation Area. The lower part of the site is in a flood area and will be highly affected by surface water run- off issues within the site downstream within Hadley Wood and cannot therefore be considered sustainable.

The plan makes reference to sustainable development ,this certainly cannot be applied to Hadley Wood. For education there is a single primary school already over subscribed with a waiting list. There is currently a single Londis shop to fulfil shopping needs, a hairdressing saloon, cafe, gym ,estate agents, beauty therapists ,private dentist and private health therapist facility. There is no General Medical Practice in the area neither NHS Dentist or chemist A bus runs between 10-15.00 pm into Barnet ,which runs every hour. The only other public transport link is GNR service which provides commuter services into London. Unless new residents of the 160 homes work at home or in London then a car will be essential adding to traffic pollution, congestion, totally contrary to policies for walking ,cycling and importantly the rationale of building near the station .

The plan to allow the Green Belt development is wrong and unnecessary .It cannot be justified to actively plan to destroy and create irretrievable environmental damage of these special meadows for a small number of homes to be built at some future date some 10 years into the future, especially as it is based upon uncertain projections for 25000 houses being needed over twenty year .Within the borough there are already numerous brownfield sites and with the passage of time inevitably more such sites will become available very many such sites are Council owned.

Whilst it provides a separation from Barnet and Potters Bar, it helps with air quality and biodiversity. It is in my opinion, sheer madness to plan to destroy the Green Belt ,directly contrary to all green and climate change policies The council should actually be seeking ways to protect and conserve our remaining green spaces . In conclusion I consider it of paramount importance this proposed site allocation ,SA45 , Green Belt be protected now and in the future and must be removed from the next edition of the Local Plan and be retained as Green Belt

