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Dear Sir or Madam

I have lived in Hadley Wood for more than 20 years and am a member of the Hadley Wood Association.

I was extremely shocked to learn of the proposed development of 160 houses on green belt land lying between the Monken Hadley green belt and the Hadley Wood conservation area.

I strenuously object to this proposal for the following reasons:

1. the proposal has appeared from out of the blue without warning and has no merit whatsoever;
2. no justification has been provided: for example, Sadiq Khan, London Mayor, has made clear that the de-designation of green belt can only be justified on exceptional grounds - what exceptional grounds can there be to justify ripping up an important policy that protects against urban sprawl;
3. the Council must have many brownfield sites that can be put to use to provide housing - there can be no justification to build over green belt while such brownfield sites have not been converted to housing; also, what does the Council propose regarding the large numbers of vacant properties in Enfield?;
4. on the grounds of sustainability, this crazy proposal fails - it will increase car use: residents of the proposed houses would be obliged to drive to shops and schools as local facilities are extremely limited: traffic would increase - hardly a "green" outcome;
5. this site sits between two protected areas namely Monken Hadley green belt and the Hadley Wood conservation area both of which would be harmed by the proposed development;
6. this site and those adjacent together provide an important and unique heritage landscape for walkers, cyclists and other users (not just those living close by but also visitors) which would be lost by this irresponsible proposal;
7. there are no benefits to this proposal and it should be withdrawn immediately and the Council should make clear its serious long-term commitment to preserve all green belt spaces, I suggest, as a matter of urgency.

Yours faithfully