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We are a family of 4 and we have lived in Hadley Wood for 20 years. My sons attended the Pre-School and the Primary School in Hadley Wood and for several years we were members of the Tennis Club. We walked along Crescent West on a regular basis and a highlight of the walk was looking into the field (Site SA45) to see if we could see the herd of horses. We moved here from Zone 2 in London and it was the abundance of green spaces that attracted us to the area to raise our family. We looked at houses in other areas but Hadley Wood stood out as feeling the most rural, yet still within the M25 and fairly close to tube stations, which in our view made it a unique location.

It would surely be far preferable to the environment to develop existing brownfield sites instead, yet these sites have not been prioritised in the draft plan. This site was not on the list for development in the 2018 consultation paper and was only added when the Duchy of Lancaster made it a condition of their support for the local plan.

Green Belt land, especially that within the M25 should be sacrosanct as among other reasons it is such a precious haven for wildlife and biodiversity. The proposed development would contravene Enfield's green policies and the declaration by the council of a Climate Emergency. We have for 20 years enjoyed the beautiful views to the North of Hadley Wood whereas looking South there is only an urban landscape for miles towards the City, Canary Wharf and beyond, so this highlights how precious the Green Belt is at the edge of urban sprawl and it is what makes Hadley Wood have such a special character for an area within a London Borough.

Hadley Wood feels slightly cut off from the surrounding town areas - it only has a very few local shops, no GP practice, no post office any more. The primary school is oversubscribed (my son was in a class of 35). The local bus cannot be used for anything other than middle of the day trips as the service is so restricted - and the overland trains run infrequently too (sometimes only 2 an hour) which means that everyone is reliant on their cars to get around. The proposed site is therefore not a sustainable site.

I therefore strongly object to the proposed site allocation which would allow the development of 160 homes on Green Belt land.