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To whom it may concern,

My name is Danielle Koureas and I live at 11 Crescent East, Hadley Wood, EN4 0EL.

I have lived in Hadley Wood for almost a year now with my family.

My husband & I are members of the Hadley Wood Association.

We have two children. Our daughter just started Secondary School at QE Girls School yesterday & our son is on the waiting list for Hadley Wood Primary School and sadly has been since our move to the area last September.

One of the main reasons we decided to move to Hadley Wood, is that we craved more green space & were drawn to the locality as it is surrounded by Green Belt, which protects the special character of the area. I therefore object to the proposed site allocation, which would allow the development of 160 homes on Green Belt land & will destroy this.

The Green Belt must be protected and conserved in North West Enfield where it serves vital purposes including separation from Barnet and Potters Bar, helping air quality in the borough as well as biodiversity. It cannot be right to plan to destroy this Green Belt, directly contrary to all green and climate change policies. We should be protecting and conserving our remaining green spaces now and even more importantly, for our future generations!

Furthermore, whilst I'd welcome good growth and development, amenities and infrastructure would require significant investment and improvement to accommodate a huge increase in the number of residents. Hadley Wood already lacks schools, healthcare, shopping and leisure facilities, local public transport is extremely poor and drainage/sewers inadequate.

It is a car-dependent location, and key roads operate at over 100% of capacity.

These plans will completely destroy our unique heritage landscape & Conservation Area. The Hadley Wood meadows under threat are unique and not just some fields in the middle of nowhere. They are part of the established green belt in a single Area of Special Character across three boroughs. They are in the middle of a green corridor from Barnet through to the farms north and east of Hadley Wood, providing visual harmony for many walkers and cyclists. They are the setting for two Conservation Areas and their loss to a housing estate would greatly harm the heritage value of both Hadley Wood as well as Monken Hadley. This is the head valley of a main Enfield river which is liable to flood and needs to keep its riverside flood spaces.

I really hope you seriously reconsider all the above mentioned points & refrain from proceeding with the proposed plans.

I look forward to receiving an update from you.

Many thanks in advance!