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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you with great sadness, concern and utter fury over the unnecessary and unethical planned development of 160 new houses on the Bartram's Lane greenbelt in Hadley Wood.

I have lived in Hadley Wood for most of my life – witnessing it change from a rural enclave to a diverse and populated area whilst still maintaining its beauty and relative peace. I think this further proposal would be the final nail in the coffin for the tranquil, appealing and biodiverse neighbourhood that is Hadley Wood.

At a time when the whole world is focussing on climate change and the devastating impact of over development on our environment (such as flooding), I am utterly stunned that this proposal has been given even the slightest amount of consideration.

I understand that housing is vital, but when there are so many brownfield areas in the borough that could be redeveloped over the years for housing and other amenities, I cannot understand why one of the very few, very important green belt areas we have left is potentially going to be destroyed.

Hadley Wood has few local facilities, and an additional 100 plus families will put an even greater strain on these. The additional traffic and congestion will increase our noise and air pollution, all with detrimental effects on our mental and physical wellbeing. Furthermore I shudder to think of the disruption that would be caused by the building work (with all the accompanying lorries, heavy machinery etc) that would be necessary.

This proposed unsustainable and unnecessary development sets a shocking example for the next generation - who are being taught about the importance of nature and environmental conservation. What message are you giving them?

I therefore object in no uncertain terms to the proposed site allocation, which would allow the development of 160 homes on Green Belt land. Can you please therefore remove this proposed site allocation from the next edition of the Local Plan and retain the green belt status for the land.

