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Dear Sirs,

**Draft Local Plan - Site SA45 - Land between Camlet Way and Crescent West, Hadley Wood**

Please note I would like to register my objection to the above planning development in Hadley Wood. As a regular visitor to the the area I object to the planned building on this Green Belt site. Green Belt land should be protected from this type of housing development in order to separate villages and towns and to stop urban sprawl.

The land of the proposed development provides significant wild life habitat and brings a diversity of fauna.

Other reasons for which I object to this planned development include the following;

The Hadley Wood Heritage and Character Assessment notes that the site provides “important views” and the landscape “acts as a buffer separating Hadley Wood from other urban areas”. No account has been taken of the fact that the site forms part of the Hornbeam Hills Area of Special Character. It also ignores the fact that the area has significant historic value as it was where the Battle of Barnet took place in the 15th Century. This historical aspect is celebrated, preserved and conserved for educational purposes and pertinent to locals and visitors.

Site SA45 is designated Green Belt land. This fact alone means it should not even be considered for the Local Plan. By definition its actual purpose is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open, the essential characteristics of Green Belts being their openness and permanence.

Hadley Wood Green Belt, like all Green Belt has 5 main purposes:

- (a) to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas; (Hadley Wood, Hadley Highstone, Wrotham Park, Potters Bar)
- (b) to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another; (Enfield & Barnet)
- (c) to assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment; Site SA45 is a buffer protecting from encroachment from Barnet and Enfield)
- (d) to preserve the setting and special character of historic towns; (Historic Enfield Chase, Historic 15th Century Battle of Britain site, Hornbeam Hills Area of Special Character, Grade II listed buildings)
- (e) to assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land. (Site SA45 is the antithesis of urban, derelict recyclable land. Alternative derelict, urban, recyclable land does exist now and will exist in the near future as old, urban and windfall land becomes available)

In summary, since Site SA45 is wild, untouched Green Belt, development of it will automatically violate all five of its main purposes as succinctly addressed above. What is the point of designating land Green Belt if it can so easily, casually and whimsically be undesignated and released for development?

The scheme would be wholly reliant on cars, as there are very limited local amenities, no local GP, no post office, no secondary school, an oversubscribed primary school and virtually no local employment and no scope for adding the aforementioned. In addition Hadley Wood has poor public transport links with a PTAL 1a/b. For these reasons and more, Hadley Wood is wholly unsuitable as a sustainable site. Brown field sites do exist and are the correct route for sustainability and environmental reasons.

The site is bordered and overlooked by the Hadley Wood Conservation Area, the Monken Hadley Conservation Area and Grade II listed buildings on Camlet Way. It would be impossible to build on that site without it adversely impacting the setting, character and appearance of those heritage assets. The current traffic levels already cause houses to shake and roads to crumble. The resulting increased traffic will bring more damage, more congestion, more pollution, more health issues, more infrastructure issues and less wellbeing of people, flora and fauna. Wildlife conservation, building conservation and special character conservation will be severely impacted. Actual conservation, let alone the notion of conservation, will be obliterated.