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I first lived in Hadley Wood in 1977, and after a few years living in other areas around North London, moved to my current address in 2007.

I am a member of the Hadley Wood Association, Hadley Wood Golf Club and my youngest child attended the local nursery.

I greatly value and enjoy all the green spaces within Hadley Wood. An attraction of the area has always been that it is surrounded by Green Belt, which provides both great enjoyment and 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.

My concerns include:

- The Green Belt must be protected and conserved in North West Enfield where it provides separation from Barnet and Potters Bar, and both improves and biodiversity. Destroying this Green Belt is directly contrary to all green and climate change policies. Now more than ever we should be protecting and conserving our remaining green spaces.
- The Hadley Wood meadows under threat and not just some random fields in the middle of nowhere. They are part of the established green belt in a single Area of Special Character across three boroughs, and are in the middle of a green corridor from Barnet through to the farms north and east of Hadley Wood. They provide fantastic views, which I enjoy daily on my regular dog walks
- Any decision to develop and then build would be irreversible, and set a terrible precedent for the overall greenbelt. It would be wrong to plan for the certain and irretrievable environmental loss of these special meadows for just a few extra houses to be built more than ten years later, based on uncertain projections over twenty years. They may never be needed, plus other brownfield sites and likely under-used office space will inevitably become available (including many owned by the Council).
- Whilst good growth and development is welcomed, amenities and infrastructure would require significant investment and improvement to accommodate any

meaningful increase in resident numbers. Hadley Wood has limited school, healthcare, shopping and leisure facilities. Plus local public transport is poor and a car-dependent location, with key roads already operating at over 100% of capacity.

- Unclear rationale on how Enfield Council have concluded that the fields should be removed from the Green Belt and developed for residential housing. There is no indication of the Council having undertaken proper due diligence to determine the site is suitable and available, no evidence a heritage assessment or landscape assessment has been performed, and an acknowledgement re absence of local services. On that basis I cannot comprehend how the Council could propose this site.

Can you therefore please remove this proposed site allocation from the next edition of the Local Plan and retain the green belt status for the land.