
Dear Sir or Madam,

Kindly note I would like to register my objection to the above planned development. I am a regular visitor to Hadley Wood as I have family living in the area.

I have been saddened to hear about, and see the plans, for this development. The area around Hadley Wood is beautiful area with outstanding views across the fields which is to be turned into housing.

The planned development of this Green Belt area should be stopped for many reasons but in my view the wildlife and fauna which these fields support is reason enough.

I cannot express my objection enough but it really should not be possible to build on Green Belt land even when there is a shortage of housing. There must be many brown field sites to exhaust first.

The most recent Characterisation Study undertaken by Enfield Council refers to the area as “a special area of landscape character which is a major asset for the borough. It is of both landscape and historic significance”; and “The existing Green Belt boundary should be retained and protected, and future development and land use changes resisted”. Why then has it chosen to destroy a valued part of our Green Belt?

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.

Brownfield sites do not appear to have been prioritised in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework. As an example, why has the full capacity of the Meridian Water site not been included in the 20 year plan? Instead, the Council has chosen the easy and careless option of building on our Green Belt that has poor local connections and amenities and virtually no scope of adding them.

