

Dear sir/madam,

I grew up in Hadley Wood and hope to live there again at some point. One of the key appeals is the green open space, and the Green Belt that surrounds the built up area. I was therefore disappointed to read the draft Local Plan, most notably:

- The extensive release of land from the Green Belt. The Plan proposes to build a quarter of all new homes on current Green Belt land, which is totally unacceptable as there are sufficient brownfield sites that can be used instead.
- The Plan lacks a settlements hierarchy, as is now commonly used in local plans, which can result in Green Belt land being developed before brownfield sites are used.
- The Council's Climate Change Plan mentions the importance of carbon sequestration, and the destruction of centuries' old grassland is indefensible.
- Hadley Wood is not a sustainable location for large-scale development, either in the form of the proposed development on site SA45 or through intensification within 800m of the station, due to a lack of appropriate local amenities and local public transport.
- The proposed 21m permitted building height is wholly unacceptable in this semi-rural location, and breaches London Plan policies D1 and D3.

Can you please remove site SA45 from the Plan, and revise the intensification and building height proposals.