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I strongly object to the proposed site allocation of 160 homes on Green Belt land, which will encroach on our countryside and completely fails Green Belt policy.

The purpose of Green Belt policy amongst many others is to prevent urban sprawl, preserve open land and safeguard the countryside from encroachment. Making the green belt truly green, with trees wildlife and recreation should be central to council plans to tackle climate change, restore nature, improve public health and make land in town and country resilient. Do not destroy our Green Belt land.

My family has lived in Hadley Wood for over 25 years and my daughter went to school in Hadley Wood. We are all avid walkers and nature enthusiasts who value the green spaces within and around Hadley Wood; it was the reason we chose to make the area our home. The character of the area has already been negatively impacted by the significant grotesque developments in the last ten years. We are also hugely disappointed by the monstrous housing development being built over nature in Trent Park, a previously beautiful area for health and recreation that has been taken away.

On-going developments to existing properties in the Hadley Wood area are also causing significant disrepair to our roads from all the heavy-duty vehicles. Our roads look like patch work quilts, all in different colours; how can this be allowed? Numerous properties in the area were also severely damaged this summer due to flooding due to the reduction in permeable ground from all the developments.

At a time when we should be doing everything we can to prepare for and mitigate the impacts of a changing climate, opportunistic development proposals such as these should be refused in favour of sustainability in all cases.

Please see as follows for more specifics on my objections:

1. Destroys a valued and valuable part of the Green Belt. Enfield's most recent Characterisation Study 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.' We should protect and conserve remaining green spaces to help protect against the climate emergency and for future generations. The area is not facilitated for urban necessities as it is not an urban area and should not be turned into one.
2. Makes a significant contribution to the purpose and openness of the Green Belt. The Hadley Wood Heritage and Character Assessment notes that the site provides "important views" and the landscape "acts as a buffer to separate Hadley Wood from other urban areas". No account has been taken of the fact the site forms part of The Horn Beam Hills Area of Special Character.
3. Wildlife and biodiversity will be harmed. Building over 11HA of fields for 160 homes is an inefficient use of valuable land that serves an important purpose, and contradicts Enfield's Green Policies and the declaration by the council of a climate emergency. The ecology of this unique area of rough grazing and wildlife habitat, a relic of the landscape of Enfield Chase, should be protected. Making the green belt truly green, with trees wildlife and recreation should be central to council plans to tackle climate change, restore nature, improve public health and make land in town and country resilient. The proposed development will destroy biodiversity of the meadows and create further pollution.
4. Increases flood risk in other parts of Hadley Wood. Parts of the land are flood zone free, and local sewers plus flood defences are already insufficient, resulting in frequent flooding across Hadley Wood, of which I can provide evidence. The existing foal and surface water sewer infrastructure has not kept up with the pace of development. We've had terrible flooding just within the last month, causing severe damage to existing properties.

Therefore, please remove this proposed site allocation from the next edition of the Local Plan and retain the

Green Belt status for the land.