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I have lived in Hadley Wood for over 60 years, all my married life. I am a member of the Hadley Wood Association, St. Paul's Church, the golf club, the bridge club, Hadley Wood Women's Institute and a past member of the tennis club. My three children all attended the pre-school and dance classes at the Hadley Wood Centre and later Hadley Wood Primary School.

We chose this area for our home because of the surrounding fields of the Green Belt, separating it from the urban spread of Barnet and Potters Bar and giving access to open country and fresh air. Our children spent many happy hours playing in these fields, building dens and camps in the hedgerows and seeing wild life at close hand and we all enjoyed walks through the meadows with our two dogs. To cover these fields with 160 houses and tarmaced roads would be to destroy a priceless asset for future generations. I **object very strongly** to the proposal to remove this site from the Green Belt and to allocate it for housing development.

The fields are bordered by two Conservation Areas and many listed buildings whose general aspect and character would all be adversely affected by houses replacing the surrounding open fields. Under this proposal, this site is scheduled for development within the next ten years. Within that timescale, further brownfield sites will surely become available in the Borough of Enfield where development of 160 houses would not impact adversely on the surrounding area.

This whole site is on a slope, draining down towards the Monken Mead stream. Covering the land with houses, tarmac and paving will remove the natural drainage through the soil and greatly increase the risk of flooding to this and surrounding areas and overwhelm the existing drainage system of the district.

Hadley Wood is already poorly served by local transport and has no GP surgery or post office and very few shops. The use of cars for everyday living is essential and the proposed addition of 160 new houses will bring at least 300 new cars and their pollution on to the already congested surrounding roads.

The whole scheme with the permanent loss of the open aspect and the grassland, trees, hedgerows and wildlife habitats is in direct opposition to Enfield's and the UK's green policies and should be abandoned. Please remove this site from proposed housing development allocation and **retain the Green Belt status**.