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I would like to object to the proposed site allocation which allows for the development of 160 homes on Green Belt land. As a local resident of Hadley Woods for the past 31 years living in this area bringing up our children and grandchildren I feel very strongly that the development is not feasible and the location of the development is totally unsuited for 160 homes.

My objections are :

1. 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 most definitely protected especially by the council who have a duty of care and protection towards existing local residents.
2. Parts of the land are flood zone 3, and local sewers/flood defences are already insufficient, with frequent flooding across Hadley Wood. The existing foul and surface water sewer infrastructure in Hadley Wood has not kept up with the pace of development. Our gardens in Kingwell Road have problems with flooding and drainage is so poor. The local stream has been neglected on many occasions.
3. This is not a sustainable site. It has poor public transport links, and a PTAL 1a/b. The scheme would be wholly reliant on cars, given there are very limited local amenities, no local healthcare, no post office, no secondary school, an oversubscribed primary school and virtually no local employment. Why propose this site for development?
4. The existing agricultural tenant has a lease on the land which runs beyond 5 years and the site is therefore not available for development. The Council should not be looking to allocate this green belt site for a development in 10+ years' time, as there will be brownfield opportunities to replace these 160 homes.

We hope the council will take my objections seriously as this development will change Hadley Wood and this special area of rough grazing and wildlife habitat deserves to be protected and cherished by the local council and all the local residents. For us as a family Hadley Wood is tranquillity away from the urban developments of London. To even consider development on the Green Belt is so abhorrent and hope that the council will take all the above objections seriously and for us it will be a very sad day if the council does not stop the site allocation.

