

Local Plan - Site SA45 – Land between Camlet Way and Crescent West, Hadley Wood

I lived in Hadley Wood for 20 years, and now my children and grandchildren have lived here for the last 15 years.

I now live just up the road on Stag Hill (just on the border of Hadley wood).

I have loved my time living in the area, and as Hadley Wood is the nearest area that I visit, it saddens me to see this proposal to do away with the green belt land and build 160 new homes on this Green belt land. This would be a disaster and is totally unnecessary and unwarranted.

I still walk most days in Hadley Wood, enjoying the unique countryside with the surrounding fields, and wildlife and animals, as well as all the fauna and flora. This is a unique area in that we benefit in such a healthy way to ensure we get our daily walks and fresh air and mental well-being just being able to come down the road to this wonderful greenbelt land.

This has been a saviour in the days of the pandemic, when we could not travel, and were allowed only to walk in our neighbourhood.

I continue to live in an area surrounded Green belt as this is important for my health and well-being, physically and mentally.

Isn't Green belt land that cannot be built on? How can this now be changed with no good reason. There are many other places in London that are empty and can accommodate the numbers of houses you need to find, Green Belt should not be used, this is protected and should remain protected, especially as it allows for good air quality and biodiversity. Climate change is a real and live issue which I understood everyone is trying to do everything they can to protect this, but you are trying to propose something that goes against all this, it does not make sense.

I would not like to see this area of great beauty destroyed by the building of 160 new properties. So unnecessary and not in the right area at all

From when I lived in the heart of Hadley Wood, I know only too well that one needs a vehicle to be able to access schools, medical facilities and shops, so to build another 160 houses, this is going to increase more cars and in turn pollution, more congestion on a ridiculously busy road, shortage of school places, and more queues for doctors and hospitals, this is not the right area to develop more properties and population.

I am aware of the water table issues in the area, as I cannot walk in some areas due to flooding, especially as the area is on a hill, and the water drains down the hill and causes many problems. More disturbance and building works will only exacerbate the problem.

In view of the above, and for the sanity of those that live in and near and use Hadley Wood and surrounding areas, this proposed site should be removed from the Local plan and the Green Belt status should be kept