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I have been a resident of Hadley Wood on Crescent West for c.16 years now. I am currently Chair of the local Tennis Club and actively involved with Hadley Wood Association.

Like the majority of residents I am sure, I was drawn to Hadley Wood because of the beautiful countryside that surrounded it and I had presumed that the Green Belt - as it has been designated - would have been protected from development. I, therefore, would like to lodge my strong objection to the proposal for 160 houses to be built on this land

I am extremely disappointed at the Council's proposal for a number of reasons but my main one continues to be environmental damage, closely followed by the fact that there is just not the infrastructure available to support increased development in the area.

The Green Belt surely exists to protect the environment and must be against your existing climate change and biodiversity policies? In an age when we are trying to do everything we can to protect our green spaces for future generations, try to improve air quality and encourage wildlife, I cannot understand the wilful destruction of such spaces.

Hadley Wood is a lovely place to live but there is a complete lack of local infrastructure to support a development of this size. Our primary school is already over-subscribed annually and we do not have a secondary school; We have no Supermarkets / Doctor Surgeries / limited leisure facilities (apart from the tennis club) and drainage / sewer facilities are not sufficient to support. Nothing is within walking distance so car usage and pollution would increase dramatically.

This proposal needs to be stopped and I would be grateful if you could add my strong objection to the planning process, remove this proposal from your Local Plan and preserve the Green Belt as is.