

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

I wish to object to the proposed release of this green belt site for housing development.

I am 94 years old and a regular visitor to see my daughter in Hadley Wood. I love walking along all the streets and fields where possible and am able to appreciate the character of the area, especially the conservation area.

I do get great pleasure in looking across the subject site to see the beautiful landscape. I cannot believe the Council is wanting to remove the green belt designation to allow the site to be developed into housing. Surely, the Council can find 160 homes elsewhere in the borough, without building on this green belt. This must go against the Council's own Climate Change Action Plan. Why is the Council looking to build on this green belt when it has declared a climate emergency? Tackling climate change is not achieved by building on the green belt. Surely, by building on the green belt, the Council is making the situation worse.

Increased housing in Hadley Wood cannot be considered 'sustainable development' as even I have to drive into the area as there is no direct public transport link from Enfield town where I live. Hadley Wood is a totally car dependent neighbourhood. Nevertheless, the Council are proposing new housing development and site intensification in Hadley Wood without any investment to improve the infrastructure that would be required to mitigate new development.

The Council should be seeking to develop & prioritise all brownfield sites before even looking at the green belt. The Site is surrounded by Conservation Areas and Grade II listed buildings. Surely, this will adversely impact the setting, character and appearance of these heritage assets.

I therefore request the Council to change its Local Plan to retain the green belt and remove the site allocation.