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

I have lived in Hadley Wood since April 2018 and am a member of the Hadley Wood Association. The reason I moved from an urban area of London to Hadley Wood in 2018 was the countryside character of the surrounding environment. I was reassured that this beautiful local environment was protected because the surrounding area is Green Belt and a Conservation area.

As such I was shocked to learn of Enfield councils proposed plans which would allow for the development of 160 homes on Green Belt land between Camlet Way and Crescent West, Hadley Wood. I am writing to you to register my objection to this plan.

I specifically highlight the following reasons for my objection:

- 1. Enfield's plans actively damage the fight against Climate change.** Building or planning to build on any green belt land cannot be defended in the face of any reasonable effort to mitigate global climate change. Since the publication of Enfield's draft plan, the IPCC issued new report with its starkest warning to date and called for immediate, rapid, and large-scale reductions in carbon emission. Enfield draft plan to build new homes on bio-diverse Green Belt land, such as the site in Hadley Wood, will irreversibly damage the environment and is in breach of national policies, the London Plan and Enfield's own Climate Change Action Plan.
- 2. Increased housing in Hadley Wood is not sustainable:** As a resident living in this area, I know that Hadley Wood is highly reliant on cars because there are very limited local amenities. There is no local GP, no post office, no secondary school and only one oversubscribed primary school. Apart from a small local parade the area has no leisure / shopping facilities that are within walking distance. The site would thus generate significant extra car journeys adding to traffic pollution and congestion in already busy residential streets.
- 3. Inappropriate site selection:** The site (SA45) is surrounded by Conservation Areas and Grade II listed buildings. The site is located between Hadley Wood Conservation Area and the Monken Hadley Conservation Area. The proposed development could not possibly occur without development on land within the conservation which would significantly damage the character of the conservation areas and associated heritage. Furthermore, development of the site would destroy important views of Hornbeam Hills including 'protected key views' ratified in the Conservation Area Character appraisal update from 2016.
- 4. Criteria for site selection of site is unclear:** Enfield Council seem to have concluded that the fields should be removed from the Green Belt and developed for residential

housing but have failed to undertake any due diligence to determine the site is suitable and available. There has been no heritage assessment, no landscape assessment, and it is acknowledged that there are no local services. It is therefore difficult to comprehend how the Council could put forward this site.

Please can you remove the proposed site (SA45) from the next edition of Enfield's Local plan and retain the green belt status of the land.