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We have lived in Hadley Wood for 15 years. I value all the green spaces within Hadley Wood and was drawn to the locality as it is surrounded by Green Belt, which protects the special character of the area. I therefore object to the proposed site allocation, which would allow the development of 160 homes on Green Belt land.

1. This would cause an intensification of density within 800 metres of Hadley Wood Station, which fails to account for the poor local public transport and road systems. Subsequently, roads would become blocked by traffic, which would increase air and noise pollution that would disturb quality of life in the area (as well as causing harm to wildlife). In addition, the roadworks going on in Beech Hill have already increased the incidence of car accidents and have made it difficult for people to get to their homes due to increased traffic. Both the building works for the new development and the proposed development itself would make this situation even worse. This proposed positioning of the development also fails to take into account the lack of schools, hospitals and other amenities in the local area - which will lead to the existing amenities becoming full beyond their capacity.
2. The proposed development would cause a fall in house prices in the local area. This is particularly significant for people trying to re-pay any loans or sell their houses. Since a lot of the local population is approaching retirement, selling their house could be a significant source of income for their post-retirement lives. Further to the point above, much of the elderly population of Hadley Wood likely based their decision to move here based on the peaceful and quiet nature of the area. As such, maintaining its character is also essential to their physical and mental wellbeing.
3. The plan would diminish the purpose of the Green Belt as an important "buffer separating Hadley Wood from other urban areas", as noted by the Hadley Wood Heritage and Character Assessment. No account has been taken for the fact that the site forms part of the Hornbeam Hills Area of Special Character. In addition, the Green Belt acts as a buffer from the nearby M25.