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I have been a resident of Hadley Wood for the last 15 years and have lived in the surrounding locality for my entire 52 years. I am a member of the HW association, my wife is a member of the tennis club and my children both attended the local nursery and primary school. The area has a special character because of the green spaces surrounding it including the Green Belt.

I have looked at the plans in some detail and object to it strongly for several reasons:

It destroys a valuable part of the Green Belt that makes HW such a special place. A Characterisation Study carried out by Enfield themselves recently stated that HW was “a special

area of landscape character which is a major asset for the borough.....The existing Green Belt boundary should be retained and protected, and future development and land use resisted”. The suggested plans are counter to all that Enfield themselves say in this statement.

This is the wrong site for a sustainable development. The public transport links are poor, the site would be almost entirely reliant on cars. Other amenities are lacking as well. No Post Office, no local GP, no secondary school, an always over-subscribed primary school and zero local employment. Further, with the Mayor of London’s plans to build on the car park at Cockfosters’ Tube Station the increase in car usage would further clog up an already incredibly traffic ridden surrounding area.

I understand that the council need to outline “exceptional circumstances” as to why this specific Green Belt site should be released for development for 160 homes. I do not believe they have done this.

Wildlife and bio diversity would be harmed. Building over 11 hectares of land for 160 houses contradicts Enfield’s own green policies and it’s declaration of a climate emergency. This is historic land, a remnant of the ancient Enfield Chase, teeming with wildlife and rough grazing and would destroy the ecology of the area.

