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My family and I have been living in Hadley Wood for circa 5 years and we are shocked to learn details about this proposal to develop 160 homes on precious green belt land. My son goes to the local school that has only 1 form entry and I strongly oppose the sustainability of the project both environmentally as well as from an infrastructure basis. My father is elderly and disabled and the fresh air and meadows of the locale provide him invaluable therapeutic powers.

In an era where sustainability and the importance of green land and precious wildlife is so sacrosanct I find these proposals devastating. It is our duty to conserve and protect the precious green spaces and fragile biosphere instead of tearing them down. There are hundreds of brownfield sites that would offer a much better alternative for housing. Whilst I sympathise at the plight of people wanting new housing there are less environmentally deleterious sites that can be chosen instead and there must be some pushback to central government that keep stipulating blanket policies without any heed to the nuances and complexities of local issues.

Hadley Wood is one of the last vestiges of verdant countryside in London and we must do everything in our power to preserve such marvels of nature than to tear them down without thorough scrutiny and due process. The meadows are home to thousands of species of flora and fauna and its not surprising that it is home to 2 conservation areas. My son is in Y4 and is learning about how precious our environment is and what devastating harm has been meted out by humanity since the start of the last century - what example can we set if we as parents allowed these plans to gain fruition?

I am strongly lobbying for the removal of the proposed site allocation from the next edition of the Local Plan and for the green belt status of the land to be preserved into perpetuity.