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I would like to register my objections to the proposed development of the land between Camlet Way and Crescent West.

My family and I were drawn to Hadley Wood 25 years ago due to its tranquility and village feel. Our children went to the local school, and we have been members of the local tennis club since moving here. Over the years, we have walked in the forests and Green Belt, and enjoyed the wildlife and the flora of the area.

This development would completely change the nature of Hadley Wood, as well as add to the considerable traffic already in the area. The roads surrounding the village are small and generally clogged with existing school traffic; Camlet Way has two schools, with parents dropping children off at peak times, and Cockfosters Rd is quite often at a standstill with the sheer volume of traffic from junction 24 of the M25 and Southgate School. We do not have a reliable bus service in the area, and our train service has been considerably reduced over the years, so we rely heavily on our cars. Adding another 160 houses to the area would increase traffic to an untenable level.

Also our village school is already full to capacity. Competition is so high that we nearly missed out on a place for our 4th child, even though his three siblings were already there, and we live 0.7 miles from the school. Accommodating children from the new development would not be possible in the existing school.