
Subject: Objection to part of the draft local plan SA45. - land between Camlet Way and Crescent West Hadley Wood

I am writing to object to the site allocation mentioned in the title, which I understand would allow the development of 160 homes on green belt land.

I can't believe that you are even considering building on green belt land. In these times of worldwide environmental destruction and incipient and accelerating climate change, we should not only be preserving and nurturing every square inch of green space, we should be making more where we can, instead of concreting over what little there is left. You should certainly not be cutting down trees, but planting more. We have no right to rage against the Brazilian Government for destroying the rain forest, while we plan this sort of activity in our own backyard.

If more housing is needed, there are plenty of brownfield sites in Enfield, on which housing could be built, and there are now

many empty retail properties
in town centres, which could
be adapted for housing.

This land is not in any case suitable for building,
because it is on a sloping site and the lower part is in
a river flood plain area which could have serious
flooding consequences there and within Hadley
Wood.

My daughter and her family have lived in Hadley
Wood for many years, and it would be very sad to see
the destruction of such a pleasant environment, in
which I have enjoyed walking with my grandchildren
over the years. It should be left for future generations
to continue enjoying.

I would earnestly request that this proposed site
allocation is removed from the local plan and green
belt status is retained.