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I have lived in Hadley Wood for over 20 years and love the area. What is being proposed would negatively impact the local surrounds, wildlife and community.

One of the main reasons my family chose to move to Hadley Wood was because of the open spaces and green belt. This development would destroy this. I therefore object to the proposed site allocation, which would allow the development of 160 homes on Green Belt land.

We do welcome well thought out and positive growth, however, the local amenities and infrastructure would require significant investment to accommodate such an increase in the number of residents through the development of this site. Not to mention the parking around the station which already takes up too much road space with people parking and leaving cars on residential roads. Hadley Wood lacks schools, healthcare, shopping and leisure facilities, local public transport is poor and drainage/sewers inadequate. I am personally aware of a current insurance claim for a flooded basement due to the drainage/sewers in Hadley Wood, the costs of which are terrifying. We live in a car-dependent location, and key roads operate at over 100% of capacity, and congestion causes air pollution and thus increases climate change effects.

We strongly oppose this development on Green Belt land. The Green Belt must be protected and conserved as it serves vital purposes including separation from Barnet and Potters Bar, helping to improve air quality in the borough as well as the biodiversity. The centuries' old grasslands are an important resource for carbon sequestration. The negative impact on the local wildlife should not be understated and I believe this will cause irreparable harm.

Hadley Wood is one of the most picturesque places I have ever visited and The Hadley Wood meadows under threat are part of the established Green Belt in an Area of Special Character across three boroughs. They are the setting for two Conservation Areas and their loss would greatly harm the heritage value of both Hadley Wood and Monken Hadley. This is a huge part of living in Hadley Wood.

This type of housing is not wanted or needed within Hadley Wood and would also cause significant harm to house prices in the area.

To summarise, the infrastructure, amenities, drainage and roads in the area would not be able to support the increased number of residents. The impact on the wildlife and Green Belt is not acceptable and you would cause harm to local house prices making homes less desirable.

Can you please therefore remove this proposed site allocation from the next edition of the Local Plan and retain the green belt status for the land.

