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## **Local Plan - Site SA45 – Land between Camlet Way and Crescent West, Hadley Wood**

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I have lived in Hadley Wood since 1968 in both Kingwell Road and Beech Hill. I am deeply saddened by the prospect of losing this valuable green belt asset for development.

I therefore wish to **STRONGLY OBJECT** to the proposed release of this green belt site and the site allocation, which would allow the development of 160 homes on green belt land for the following reasons:

### **1.An unnecessary large scale destruction of Green Belt**

The Local Plan proposes a quarter of the 25,000 new homes to be built on Green Belt land, in breach of national policies, the London Plan and Enfield's own Climate Change Action Plan. To build 25% of the new homes on Green Belt land cannot be justified. There is no reason why 160 out of the 25,000 homes should be built on the Hadley Wood site when such a small number of homes could easily be found outside the green belt.

### **2.Increased housing in Hadley Wood is not 'sustainable development' and has already been compromised by houses being converted to apartment blocks**

Hadley Wood is car dependent neighbourhood as local public transport links are very poor, local amenities (GP, post office, shopping, schooling, leisure) are really lacking and the existing area is prone to flooding due to inadequate sewers/drainage. Nevertheless, the Plan proposes the new housing development and site intensification without any investment to improve the infrastructure.

### **3.The Site is surrounded by Conservation Areas and Grade II listed buildings of historical significance.**

The site is sandwiched between the Hadley Wood Conservation Area and the Monken Hadley

Conservation Area, with Grade II listed buildings on Camlet Way. The Plan's proposals will adversely impact the setting, character and appearance of those heritage assets. The Council has not produced any evidence to assess the level of harm and should therefore not be allocating the site without such evidence.

#### **4.Environmental**

How can developing on this beautiful field assist the Council in meeting its own Climate Change Action Plan? Why is the council seeking to concrete over this field. Surely this field contributes more to fighting Climate Change, than developing it for housing.

I therefore urge the Council to change the Local Plan to retain the green belt in this location and remove the site allocation.