

I have been a resident of Hadley Wood for the last 15 years. I am a member of the HW association, a member of the tennis club and my children both attended the local nursery and primary school. I also regularly walk my dog in the fields next to the proposed site.

I have looked at the plans in some detail and object to it strongly for several reasons:

1) The development would destroy a valuable part of the greenbelt which should be protected. The area has a special character because of the green spaces surrounding it.

2) A great deal of wildlife and biodiversity would be harmed. During my dog walks I often see woodpeckers in the field. I have also seen hedgehogs - and one of the few times I've seen an owl was whilst walking in the area during the evening time.

3) Hadley Wood is totally the wrong location for a sustainable development. There are few local amenities, we have no GP surgery or post office, and the school which both my children attended is already oversubscribed.

I understand that the council need to outline "exceptional circumstances" as to why this specific Green Belt site should be released for development for 160 homes. I do not believe they have done this.

Our green belt is precious to us. I urge you to take into account these reasons, and multiple others when considering the plans.