
I purchased my first house in Hadley Wood in 1963, moved in 1964 and have been a resident of Hadley Wood since that time which is some 57 years. I am a member of the Hadley Wood Association, I was a member of The Hadley Wood Tennis Club until I stopped playing, I am a member of Hadley Wood Golf Club, I with others started Hadley Wood Sports Day for children, I was a member of the now defunct Hadley Wood Gardening Club, I was a member of the Hadley Wood Fireworks committee until I retired due to age, I moved to Hadley Wood from Highgate, London as it is surrounded by the Green Belt and I value the green spaces that are within Hadley Wood. I seriously object to the proposed site allocation and the development of 160 houses on Green Belt land which would follow.

Have the requirements of the possible dwellers of these 160 houses been considered? In Hadley Wood there is a Primary school which is already oversubscribed and children of existing residents are unable to get a place. There is no secondary school. There is no general NHS medical practice. There is no Post Office. There is an hourly bus service to Barnet running only at certain times of the day. There is no supermarket. There is no Public House. Where is the employment coming from for these resident of the 160 houses? So what practical services are being offered to those dwellers and most would consider that this development is too small to justify the necessary infrastructure

The Council know, as well as the residents, that this proposal breaks the existing Green Belt boundary which is unacceptable.

What consideration has the Council given to brownfield sites?

What is the answer? Housing needs to be planned, not someone deciding that Enfield Council needs to build 25,000 homes by 2039. This same problem is no doubt faced by other Councils around London with similar demands to build more houses with no overall plan. The practical answer is to build new towns, to the north, south, east and west of the capital with planned links to the nearest motorway, a train service to the capital, cycleways, schools both primary and secondary, supermarkets and other shops, medical services and a hospital, a cinema, sports facilities, parks and green spaces, and many other facilities. Financial encouragement for commercial enterprises to set up in the new towns so creating local employment.

The shortage of housing is not going to be answered by piecemeal building wherever it is proposed.

I object in the strongest terms to the proposed development.

