

I have lived in Hadley Wood for a number of years and am a member of the Hadley Wood Association.

In the interests of brevity I summarise my objections to the proposed development as follows -

1.

I chose to live in Hadley Wood because of its special character as a quiet and peaceful area where residential development was restricted and as such complementary to the surrounding Green Belt. Thereby was achieved a successful working balance between the often competing interests of man and nature. The proposed development of 160 homes would destroy that balance to the detriment of the local environment and to the benefit of none except the financial interests of the developer. Accordingly I object to the proposed site allocation and subsequent development.

2.

Hadley Wood is not a suitable location for residential intensification. The physical infrastructure of Hadley Wood and its limited supply of amenities and services ( e.g. schools, nursery, healthcare, leisure and shopping facilities ) are not capable of supporting the proposed development which would place an intolerable strain on the local community and its character. For these reasons alone any such development could not be sustainable and would result only in a negative and damaging impact on the local community whose interests the Council have a duty to protect in the discharge of its duty of care to its residents.

3.

The need for protection of our natural environment has never been greater. The Green Belt serves a vital purpose in protecting the environment which enriches all our lives and makes living tolerable in the built environment in which we are forced to live our lives. There is no substitute for it. To destroy an area of natural beauty which is an amenity for the benefit of all Hadley Wood residents children and visitors for nothing better than a development of 160 homes which ( with careful research ) could be relocated in a more appropriate setting ( without damaging such a wonderful natural resource as open fields and woodland ))

would be tantamount to environmental vandalism on the part of the Council's Planning Officers and its

Councillors. The Council should serve the best social interests of local communities and not the best financial interests of property developers.

In the overriding interests of the living environment I ask you to remove this proposed site allocation from the next edition of the Local Plan and to retain the Green Belt status for the land.

