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

I have lived in Hadley Wood for nearly 10 years and I regularly walked my dogs in the fields along Bartrams Lane and Crescent West overlooking Site SA45. This was one of my favourite walks, because at the top of the field adjacent Bartrams Lane, I could overlook SA45 providing me with a stunning wide and open view of lush green fields, and horses. It's a picturesque location and view, which is characteristic of Hadley Wood and which makes it worth living in Hadley Wood and in the country site.

Site SA45 forms part of an absolutely stunning landscape which goes well beyond the borough boundary. I strongly oppose for this beautiful piece of green belt to be destroyed and become an asset for development. Once it's gone it is gone and it will have a permanent and devastating impact on the character of this stunning landscape and the character of Hadley Wood.

I therefore 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:

**This is 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 justification why 160 out of the 25,000 homes should be built on the Hadley Wood site when alternative brownfield sites can easily be found outside the green belt to accommodate these houses.

**Increased housing in Hadley Wood is not 'sustainable development'.**

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 new housing development, and site intensification without any investment to improve the infrastructure, which is not right and will cause a huge constraint on the limited and poor existing local amenities. There is no alternative to improve the current infrastructure without totally destroying Hadley Wood, therefore it's an unsustainable development.

**The Local Plan fails to develop/prioritise all brownfield sites.**

The Local Plan does not have a settlement hierarchy or prioritisation of brownfield sites. The Council has not even included any of their landholdings or estates, which is surprising, given they must be the largest single landowner in the borough. There are plenty of large buildings in Enfield that are abandoned and causing an eyesore, security risk, etc. Surely these abandoned buildings are much more appropriate and necessary to be prioritised for recycling into much more eye pleasing and affordable housing?!

**The Site is surrounded by Conservation Areas and Grade II listed buildings.**

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.

**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.

The Council has not produced any evidence to justify the exceptional circumstances required to build on this green belt and I therefore urge the Council to change the Local Plan to retain the green belt in this location

and remove the site allocation.