

I have lived in Hadley Wood for over 30 years, am a member of the Hadley Wood Association, and object to the allocation of the of the above site for building 160 homes.

The fields were not included in the 2018 consultation for good planning reasons.

The fields are in the Green Belt and the adjacent Borough of Barnet and Hertsmere recognise that the open fields are an important barrier against the spread of development north towards Potters Bar and to maintain the open countryside and views.

The fields are adjacent to existing Conservation Areas which would be badly affected.

The development includes affordable homes but due to the cost of house prices in Hadley Wood any affordable housing would still be beyond reach of prospective occupiers and the developers would no doubt successfully argue to change this in the future.

The fields have now been included in the Draft Local Plan. The Duchy of Lancaster made this a condition of their support for the Local Plan. Decisions should be based on planning matters and not made as a condition of support for the plan.

The Duchy of Lancaster will significantly benefit from any development.

