

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

Hadley Wood needs to be protected and not destroyed, which is what will happen, if the proposed Enfield Local Plan is adopted.

On a personal note, I have lived in Hadley Wood for forty years and am a member of the Hadley Wood Association; I am emotionally connected to the area and I have seen my children benefit from going to the local primary school I am also a keen walker and regularly enjoy this green belt area on foot

The preservation of our Green Belt should be an absolute priority. The Green Belt serves to stop urban sprawl (and the merging of Potters Bar and Barnet), protects the countryside from inappropriate development, contributes to our environment and enhances our quality of life. The Green Belt is effectively the green lungs of the region and contributes to the physical and mental wellbeing of the local community.

Developing housing on green belt land should be a matter of last resort and not taken as a lazy and easy option. The plans will destroy a unique and exceptionally attractive heritage landscape. This is an Area of Special Character and provides the setting for two Conservation Areas. The Local Plan's proposal for 25,000 new homes to be built on Green Belt Land flies against national policy and ignores the fact that these homes could be located elsewhere in the borough (but not on green belt).

The scale of additional housing is inappropriate for green belt and there is no justification for destroying green belt to provide this amount of new housing. The Plan also appears to ignore national policies and inadequate infrastructure: only one primary school and insufficient medical facilities and already heavily congested traffic