

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

I have lived in Hadley Wood for 20 years. It is an area that has a sense of community and provides hard working people with a tiny bit of open space to enjoy and re-calibrate, particularly over periods of high stress. The green belt affords the opportunity for plants to grow naturally and for a wildlife and birds to enjoy the habitat. The walk along Bartrams Lane and Crescent West is particularly of value to the community as this land is stunning and I believe goes well beyond the borough boundary and includes the green belt in other boroughs.

I therefore wish to strongly object to the elimination of this green belt site to allow yet another development of poorly planned, over crowded, over priced homes on green belt land. I object on the following grounds:

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. This contravenes National policies, the London Plan and Enfield's own Climate Change Action Plan. It is therefore, unjustifiable to destroy this natural habitat and beauty spot for the construction of 160 out of the 25,000 homes which could surely be built outside the green belt.

This is not 'sustainable development'.

Local public transport links in this area are very poor, we are underprovided with local amenities (GP, post office, shopping, schooling, and leisure) and regularly experience flooding due to inadequate sewers/drainage. The plan however does not propose any investment to improve the infrastructure to support the new housing development and site intensification.

Failure to develop/prioritise all brownfield sites.

The Local Plan does not have a settlement hierarchy or prioritisation of brownfield sites. As the largest single landowner in the borough the Council has failed to include any of their landholdings or estates, in the plan.

Denigration of a Conservation Areas and Grade II listed buildings.

The site is situated between the Hadley Wood Conservation Area and the Monken Hadley Conservation Area, with Grade II listed buildings on Camlet Way. The proposed plan will adversely impact the setting, character and appearance of these heritage sites.

I am not aware that there is any evidence of an assessment of harm having been completed and therefore this site should not be allocated without such evidence.

Environmental

Developing this beautiful area surely cannot assist the Council in meeting its own Climate Change Action Plan. This field contributes so much more to fighting Climate Change, than developing it

for housing.

I therefore urge the Council to protect the green belt and remove the site allocation.

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