

Draft Local Plan - Site SA45 (Land between Camlet Way and Crescent West, Hadley Wood) and Intensification Zone around Hadley Wood station

- I object to this proposed site allocation, which would allow 160 houses to be built on Green Belt land.

You can only ruin Green Belt land once, with its grassland, meadows, mature trees and hedgerows, wildlife, flowers and wide diversity of plants. Once the diggers move in, it is destroyed for years and generations to come. The protection of the Green Belt since 1955 has ensured that there is an end to London, that it curbs urban sprawl and that you can find, see and enjoy green spaces without having to cross the M25. The Green fringe to our borough ensures that urban Enfield does not merge with urban Barnet and Potters Bar.

I have lived in Hadley Wood for 11 years and am a member of the Hadley Wood Association. I walk along Bartrams Lane daily, often with my grandson, and relish the fields, the stream, the trees, the wild flowers and the wildlife and butterflies we see and the berries we collect. There are horses in the field. **Where else in the borough can you see real horses grazing except on the Green Belt land in North West Enfield?**

My concern is that **we should be protecting and preserving all our green spaces** for the health of our children, the quality of the air they breathe and the chance to see and experience nature in its own setting, not just in a local city park. Each meadow taken away is gone forever.

I do not know how or why Enfield Council have concluded that these fields should be removed from the Green Belt and used for residential housing. **The environmental loss of the meadows coupled with the impact on the local roads of increased traffic pollution and congestion seems to me to be totally contrary to Climate Change and Green policies** that as a society we need to be implementing.

Please remove this proposed site allocation from the Local Plan and protect this Green Belt land for future generations of Enfielders.

