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**To:** [LocalPlan](#)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Draft Local Plan-site SA45-Land between Camlet Way and Crescent West, Hadley Wood  
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Dear Sirs

I write to you as a concerned retired local GP and grandmother.

My daughter and family moved to hadley Wood in June of this year. They are active members of the local community being members of the hadley Wood Association and various local sports clubs in Enfield, Barnet and Potters Bar. The open green environment with a healthy biodiverse flora and fauna were a particular attraction. They greatly value the opportunity to bring up their two sons close to the countryside with all the opportunities and health benefits mental and physical that this brings.

I have particular concerns about the impact the proposed development would have not only on the immediate environment but also on the neighbouring communities in Barnet and Hertsmere.

I was a GP in High Barnet for over 30 years and also active in the local PCG, PCT and CCG over many years. I have a good understanding of local public health issues and commissioning for the provision of both primary and secondary healthcare for the three boroughs.

As a former governor of a local grammar school I also have insight into some of the issues relating to the provision of educational facilities for residents of the three local authority areas.

I therefore object to the proposed site allocation, which would allow the development of 160 homes on Green Belt land.

**In particular I object to the following:**

**1) The plan fails to develop/prioritise all brownfield sites.**

There is no prioritisation of brownfield sites and, for example only part of Meridian Water's capacity is included in the 20 year plan. Instead the easy option of building on a Green Belt site has been chosen. There are many unused buildings on Enfield High Streets and surrounding areas. Surely there are more sustainable alternatives that should be considered before sacrificing a beautiful and biodiverse area of agricultural Green Belt land which is of great benefit to the environment and community in this era of worrying climate change.

**2) Harm to biodiversity and wildlife.**

Building on over 11 hectares of fields to provide 160 homes is an inefficient use of this land. The proposal contradicts Enfield borough's green policies and declaration by the Council of a Climate Emergency. The ecology of this unique area of rough grazing and wildlife habitat, part of the historic royal hunting grounds of Enfield Chase should be preserved for future generations.

My grandchildren were delighted to find a colony of bees in their garden on moving into their new home. The bees had arrived of their own accord and settled, an indication of the rich habitat provided for wildlife by the surrounding area.

**3)Too small for infrastructure investment.**

A development of 160 homes will not warrant the investment needed to develop additional schools / school places , healthcare services, shops and leisure facilities. Very little exists in the immediate vicinity to support and sustain additional residents.

We live in neighbouring Barnet. The development would inevitably lead to placing further significant strain on our already overburdened schools, and both Primary and Secondary healthcare provision. The impact of the loss of this area of Green Belt land with all the benefits mentioned above will not only impact the residents of Hadley Wood but also those in Barnet.

Yours faithfully