

I have lived in Hadley Wood for over 30 years and I am a member of the Hadley Wood Association.

I value greatly all of the green spaces within Hadley Wood and was drawn to the Hadley Wood area in the first place in part because of its glorious Green Belt surroundings, which gives Hadley Wood a very special character. I therefore object to the proposed site allocation which would allow 160 homes to be developed on Green Belt land.

There are number of reasons for my objection to the proposed development, including:

- \* maintaining the Green Belt is essential for environmental reasons. If the fields were destroyed for housing use, the folly could never be reversed in the future.
- \* there are many alternative brownfield sites available within Enfield that could be used for future housing needs.
- \* Hadley Wood does not have the infrastructure to accommodate 160 new homes. The local primary school is heavily oversubscribed and there is no secondary school in the neighbourhood. There are very few shops in Hadley Wood. Even the train station does not serve other areas in Enfield.
- \* the proposed area gets flooded in times of heavy rainfall and I am not convinced that the drainage requirements for a housing scheme would be sustainable.
- \* I am appalled that the Council would want to decimate an area of such beauty. Again I would say that if this ill judged development proceeds, it would be irreversible.

I would therefore implore you to remove this proposed site allocation from the next edition of the Local Plan and retain the Green Belt status for this land.