

Subject: Draft Local Plan – Site SA45 – Land between Camlet Way and Crescent West, Hadley Wood

I have lived in Hadley Wood for over 30 years. I have raised three sons and they all went to the local state primary school, Hadley Wood School.

I value greatly all of the green spaces within Hadley Wood and was originally drawn to the Hadley Wood area in part because of its magnificent Green Belt surroundings, which gives Hadley Wood a very special character. I am objecting 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 so essential for the health and mental well being of our community. If the fields were destroyed for housing use, the mistake could never be reversed in the future.
- * there are a number of 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.