

I have lived in Hadley Wood for 28 years as my parents decided to move here back in 1992.

Growing up here it was a peaceful area with lots of green fields and open space as indeed it still is today.

I was 5 years old when we moved here and was lucky enough to grow up with lots of walks in the green belt land and later on when I was old enough many hours of playing outside with my friends.

I experienced the outdoors in many ways that children in London cannot as they would not have the green fields and woodlands as we have in Hadley Wood and I honestly believe that this has contributed to help me become the person I am today.

By building 160 more homes on the green belt land it would mean that these fields and woodlands would no longer exist which would deprive the children of today and the future children of Hadley Wood of having the benefit of such an upbringing and even worse will destroy the homes of all the local wildlife we are so lucky to have such as muntjac, deer, badgers etc.

This wildlife would be forced out of the area and most will find it difficult to settle anywhere else. It is a crime to evict these animals of their homes without providing suitable housing for them.

Today I am still a resident of Hadley Wood and I commute every morning to central London where I work. Walking to the station I have noticed that cars in Hadley Wood have increased dramatically over the past few decades due to the fact that houses now own more than one car as opposed to the past where each house would generally only own one car. Not to mention that people drive from other areas to park their cars on our roads and take the train (all because we have free parking).

As I walk closer to the station the streets get busier and busier with parked cars and sometimes these cars actually block residents driveways and cause a nuisance.

Introducing 160 new homes within the Hadley Wood green belt land would put even more stress on the streets and traffic to the area when we already have a problem as it is.

The amenities in our area are not enough to accommodate the current residence as we have a shortage of schools, shops and restaurants. How would all of these new people coming into the area benefit from this? All it would do is create more traffic as people need a car here to get around.

The Sewage system has had problems and we had never ending road works to sort it all out which still isn't great. Bringing so many homes into the area will strain the sewage system so much more and cause further problems for residents.

I always imagined raising my children in Hadley Wood so they could have a similar experience as I did growing up instead of being glued to computer games all day. However, If the development of 160 new homes was to go ahead and we would lose our beautiful green belt land I would not want my children to grow up here..... I might as well bring them up in central London or Hampstead.

For this reason I object to the proposed site allocation of 160 homes on the green belt land.

I urge you to please remove this proposed site allocation from the next edition of the Local Plan and retain the green belt status for the land.

