

**Local Plan - Site SA45 – Land between Camlet Way and Crescent West, Hadley Wood**

I lived in Hadley Wood for 20 years, and now my children and grandchildren have lived here for the last 15 years.

I now live just up the road on Stag Hill (just on the border of Hadley Wood).

I enjoyed my time living in Hadley Wood and I still come to Hadley Wood most days for my exercise as this is the nearest place to my flat,

I am saddened and shocked that the Green belt land is to be taken away and that 160 houses will be built in its place. This is a travesty and must not happen.

The green belt is here for a reason, to protect the air quality, the countryside, the animals, wildlife, flowers, plants, trees etc, and should not be built on. The important issues these days are climate change and green policies. How can green belt be built on when it goes against all of the promises to protect this land.

There must be many other brownfield sites that are available and will become available over time which can be used for housing, rather than building on our Green Belt

As I have early onset dementia, it is important that I have fresh air and ability to exercise in a safe and comfortable environment, I have this in Hadley Wood, and I come here most days to walk, either on my own or with my children/grandchildren and their dogs.

I am lucky that I have this on my doorstep, and I can enjoy the fresh air and wonderful countryside with the wildlife, animals and flowing meadows. This helps me tremendously with my mental health and keeps me healthy as I can walk and enjoy the views and exercise at the same time.

In the lockdown times we had, I was able to still continue to exercise and get my fresh air by walking in the area I love and know. To have this taken away and instead have 160 new homes built that will affect the view and area would be a disaster.

I know from living in Hadley wood, you need a car to be able to go shopping, doctors, dentist, travel to work (if the overground train doesn't run), there is no secondary school, so again, cars are needed to get children to school, colleges etc.

To build 160 homes will mean more strain on all the above, the road traffic is bad already and will then only get worse.

I know from walking in the area that issues of flooding are real and present, will the building of 160 new homes not affect this even more?

I would not like to see this area of great beauty destroyed by the building of 160 new properties. So unnecessary and not in the right area at all

I would hope you would consider my points raised and remove this site allocation from the next edition of the local plan and retain the green belt status for the land