

I would like to object to the proposed development of the greenbelt land adjacent to Bartram's Lane and Crescent West.

My wife and I moved to the area to have exactly this type of landscape and nature to enjoy - we have many times walked along the fields with our young son, explored the brook running along the field and seen the horses.

This disproportionate development can never be reversed and does irreparable damage to a wonderful part of outer London which needs to be developed in a more sensitive manner.

The main reasons for me to object are as follows:

**This is an unnecessary large scale destruction of Green Belt.**

The Local Plan proposes a quarter of the 25,000 new homes to be built on Green Belt land, in breach of national policies, the London Plan and Enfield's own Climate Change Action Plan. To build 25% of the new homes on Green Belt land cannot be justified - as the government itself recognises and, as reported in The Times today, will no longer proceed with the large scale changes to planning policies that had been proposed. There is no justification why 160 out of the 25,000 homes should be built on the Hadley Wood site when such a small number of homes could easily be found outside the green belt.

**Increased housing in Hadley Wood is not 'sustainable development'.**

Hadley Wood is car dependent neighbourhood as local public transport links are very poor, local amenities (GP, post office, shopping, schooling, leisure) are really lacking and the existing area is prone to flooding due to inadequate sewers/drainage. Nevertheless, the Plan proposes the new housing development and site intensification without any investment to improve the infrastructure.

**The Local Plan fails to develop/prioritise all brownfield sites.**

The Local Plan does not have a settlement hierarchy or prioritisation of brownfield sites. Hadley Wood is in the process of finalising its own Neighbourhood Plan which should be the basis of any development in the area

**The Site is surrounded by Conservation Areas and Grade II listed buildings.**

The site is sandwiched between the Hadley Wood Conservation Area and the Monken Hadley Conservation Area, with Grade II listed buildings on Camlet Way. The Plan's proposals will adversely impact the setting, character and appearance of those heritage assets. The Council has not produced any evidence to assess the level of harm and should therefore not be allocating the site without such evidence.

**Environmental**

How can developing on this beautiful field assist the Council in meeting its own Climate Change Action Plan? Why is the council seeking to concrete over this field. Surely this field contributes more to fighting Climate Change, than developing it for housing.

