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As one of the local councillors in Cockfosters, which includes Hadley Wood, I am writing to endorse the response to the Local Plan consultation recently submitted by the Hadley Wood Neighbourhood Planning Forum. I appreciate I have missed the Council's deadline of 13th September, but I have been away on holiday.

In my opinion, the objections set out in the submission make a powerful case for the Council to remove site SA45 behind Crescent East Camlet Way in Hadley Wood from the list of sites earmarked for potential housing development in the draft Local Plan. Needless to say, I also strongly object to the release of any other part of the Green Belt for housing development.

The HW Planning Forum point out that the site in question is designated as an Area of Special Character, borders the Monken Hadley and Hadley Wood Conservation Areas and that its development would damage the valuable local ecological framework. Hadley Wood itself has low PTAL rating, poor train service,

has one single form of entry primary school is subject to regular flooding. The main roads used by residents of Hadley Wood, such as the A111, are already heavily congested and the development of 160 further homes would make matters considerably worse.

A great many residents in Hadley Wood have already objected to the proposals in the Draft Local Plan and their concerns go far wider than the impact these proposals would have on Hadley Wood. They think the process of drawing up the Local Plan was flawed, driven by arbitrary housing targets and does not take proper account of the environmental damage the proposals would cause. I hope the concerns of my constituents will be taken on board.

Kind regards