

I have lived in Hadley Wood since my parents moved here in the late 1970's, drawn to the area by the open spaces and far-reaching views across London. I, and three other family members, attended Hadley Wood Primary School and we all still live in, or regularly visit, the area.

Surrounded by Green Belt and with plenty of space in which to enjoy outdoor pursuits, Hadley Wood has always been a wonderful area. However, with all the pressures of the past 18 months, being resident in an area where there are woodlands and walks on one's doorstep has been invaluable.

Whilst there is a need for further housing stock, society has grown increasingly aware of the need to protect the environment. I am alarmed at the proposed development of 160 homes on Green Belt land (Site SA45) as I believe that our Green Belt should be preserved and not commandeered for the development of further homes.

As a long-term resident of Hadley Wood, I have witnessed building projects go from occasional and sensitive to almost constant. The rampant overdevelopment has placed increased pressure on local and side roads, with many streets regularly congested by works traffic.

As development in the area has increased, so has the demand on local services and amenities. Hadley Wood Primary School is over-subscribed, with a long waiting-list, leaving residents unable to secure places for their children. Residents of Enfield and surrounding boroughs are also poorly served for Secondary School options for their children.

Whilst Hadley Wood is served by a mainline train station, this is mainly used for journeys to and from the city. A local bus service runs during daytime hours only and there are no other public transport connections between Hadley Wood and the rest of the borough. For many residents, driving is the most reliable method of getting around, adding to the congestion within the area. Further development within the area would only increase traffic on the local roads.

I object to the proposed site allocated for the development of 160 homes. Please reconsider the proposal to preserve the Green Belt, its biodiversity, and the unspoilt character of the landscape.