
Subject: Draft Local Plan - Site SA45 (Land between Camlet Way and Crescent West, Hadley Wood) and Intensification Zone around Hadley Wood station

I am writing to object to the proposed Local Plan as referenced above. The London Borough of Enfield has declared a Climate Emergency and publicly stated it's objective to be London's 'greenest' borough. These fine words and commitments need to be evidenced by actions and strong leadership. The above proposal to build on Green Belt makes a mockery of LBE's green credentials and commitments.

The land is owned by the Duchy of Lancaster and it is they, and only they, who will benefit from this proposal by making a commercial gain through the permanent destruction of Green Belt land. LBE should not be collaborating with the Duchy of Lancaster to facilitate them securing a windfall commercial gain through the loss of an Enfield community asset. The current council members and leadership are **custodians** of Enfield's community assets.

I have lived in Hadley Wood for nearly 10 years and I am a member of the Hadley Wood Association. I, along with all the residents and visitors to the area, value all the green spaces within Hadley Wood and Enfield and was drawn to the locality as it is surrounded by Green Belt, which protects the special character of the area.

It is the responsibility that LBE recognise that the Green Belt is an asset and resource for all current and future generations of Enfield residents (and neighbouring boroughs) not just those in the immediate vicinity. The Green Belt provides the 'green lungs' for London, a refuge for wildlife, a vital

resource to maintain air quality to name a few. If it is destroyed all the current and future residents of Enfield suffer.

In objecting I would like to emphasise the following;

1. NOT A SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT LOCATION. Whilst good growth and development is welcomed, amenities and infrastructure would require significant investment to accommodate a meaningful increase in the number of residents through the development of site SA45 or intensification around the station. Hadley Wood lacks schools, healthcare, shopping and leisure facilities, local public transport is poor and drainage/sewers inadequate. It is a car-dependent location, and key roads operate at over 100% of capacity, and congestion causes air pollution and thus increases climate change effects.

2. SAVE OUR GREEN BELT. The Green Belt must be protected and conserved as it serves vital purposes including separation from Barnet and Potters Bar, helping air quality in the borough and biodiversity. The centuries' old grasslands are an important resource for carbon sequestration. The green belt acts as an important barrier to the pollution generated by the M25, the UK's busiest motorway and a major cause of air pollution. The green belt provides a vital natural barrier to absorb CO2 and clean our air from airborne pollution, The M25 is approx. 1km from the site.

3. UNNECESSARY AND WRONG. Neither the housing supply nor demand requirement has been adequately assessed, particularly in the post COVID world where working from home has enabled people to live further from their place of work. London is actually seeing a net outflow of people. The range of housing need numbers is too wide to justify the necessary exceptional circumstances, and various potential sources of supply, such as SIL sites, have not been assessed. There is also no evidence of compliance with the Duty to Cooperate with other boroughs. Enfield is a large London Borough with large areas of Brownfield land ideally placed for redevelopment and housing. The Meridian Water is an exemplar regeneration development by LBE who have committed to it being the most sustainable regeneration on London. LBE are using millions of pounds of their funds to create green, biodiverse habitats in Meridian Water but are also proposing to destroy the very same established habitats through the proposed development on site SA45.

Can you please therefore remove this proposed site allocation from the next edition of the Local Plan and retain the current green belt status for the land. Our younger generations are expecting and demanding that the our current decision makers start to protect and care for our green spaces, biodiversity and our planet.....