
To whom it may concern: Enfield Council:

I have lived in Hadley Wood, on and off, for most of my life. I initially moved to Hadley Wood as a young child in the late 1970s and was drawn back to the area as an ideal place to raise my own family. I love the area's tranquillity, its the wide open spaces and far-reaching views across the Hertfordshire countryside to the North and London to the South. I attended Hadley Wood Primary School as a child, as did my siblings and so have my children.

Hadley Wood has always been a wonderful and unique place to live; surrounded by Green Belt and natural woodlands and with plenty of space in which to enjoy outdoor pursuits and all still within easy reach of London. Society, as a whole, has grown increasingly aware of the need to protect the environment and the terrible pandemic of the past 18 months has proved how valuable an asset this is and one we do not want to damage or lose, EVER!

So I am extremely 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.

Over recent years Hadley Wood has witnessed and been subject to building projects which have gone from limited and occasional to seemingly constant and over intrusive. As developments in the area has increased, so has the demand on local services and amenities including schools, roads, telecommunications (which are notoriously poor in the area). The rampant overdevelopment of the area has placed increased pressure on our roads, with many streets regularly congested by works traffic. The proposed plans will not only add to this but will exacerbate problems further.

The area is not well served by local public transport services. The local train station is primarily used for journeys to and from London and the nearest underground services are at least 2 miles away from central Hadley Wood. Bus services are very limited and sporadic at best, with minimal routes and almost zero connections between Hadley Wood and the rest of the borough and surrounding areas. For most residents, driving is the only reliable method of getting around, so any proposed development will increase traffic and pollution to local roads and residents and add to the congestion within the area.

Therefore I strongly object to the proposed plan and the allocation on the site and the development of 160 homes. Please reconsider the proposal to preserve the Green Belt, its biodiversity, and the unspoilt character of the landscape.

Yours Sincerely,