Dear Enfield Council,

I have called Hadley Wood 'Home' for almost 45 years since moving to the area with my husband and 2 young children in 1977.

It is a privilege to live somewhere surrounded by Green Belt, open spaces, and far-reaching woodland views. I am surprised that the council are considering a development of 160 homes at site SA45, which will cause irreparable harm to the environment and character of the area.

As a long-term resident, I have witnessed a lot of changes to Hadley Wood. Formerly infrequent development has now become constant, and the area is regularly congested with works vehicles and side roads act as car parks for the contractors. Any proposed development will only add to these problems.

Further development, such as that proposed at SA45 will increase demand on our local services and amenities, many of which are already stretched. We are served by a wonderful primary school, which all three of my children and my oldest grandchild attended. However, the school is now oversubscribed, with a long waiting list, resulting in many residents unable to secure a place for their children. There is also limited choice of good Secondary Schools available within the borough.

Local transport links to Hadley Wood principally serve those travelling to and from London and the local bus service offers a sporadic daytime schedule with no available links to the rest of the borough. Cars remain the most reliable means of transport for residents and any further development will exacerbate traffic and pollution in the area.

Destroying precious Green Belt land cannot be the answer to the borough's housing shortage, particularly given the pressing need for increased environmental responsibility. I therefore object to the proposed development at Site SA45 – Land between Camlet Way and Crescent East, Hadley Wood and

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Thank you.