
Draft Local Plan - Site SA45 – Land between Camlet Way and Crescent West, Hadley Wood

I moved to Hadley Wood in April 2018. Having lived previously in an urban area of London I highly value the beautiful countryside environment that surrounds Hadley wood. As a 20-year-old I was happy to know that the surrounding countryside was protected for future generations because it was designated as Green Belt as well as a Conservation area.

As such I was shocked to learn of Enfield council's proposed plan to allow for the development of 160 homes on Green Belt land between Camlet Way and Crescent West in Hadley Wood. I am writing to you to register my objection to this plan.

I specifically highlight the following reasons for my objection:

1. **Enfield's plans actively damage the fight against Climate change.** We all need to do our part to tackle climate change. Building or planning to build on any green belt land cannot be defended in the face of any reasonable effort to mitigate global climate change. Enfield's draft plan to build new homes on bio-diverse Green Belt land, such as the site in Hadley Wood, will irreversibly damage the environment and actively damage the fight against Climate change. As part of the generation that will likely face the consequence of climate change it's incredibly frustrating to see local government acting so recklessly and in breach of national policies.
2. **Increased housing in Hadley Wood is not sustainable:** As a resident living in this area, I know that Hadley Wood is highly reliant on cars because there are very limited local amenities. For example, whilst studying for my A-levels I had no option other than using a car to travel to my school, indeed there are no state secondary schools that are walking distance from Hadley Wood and only one oversubscribed primary school. The same is true with respect to shopping and leisure because there is only a very small parade of local shops in Hadley wood. The site would thus generate significant extra car journeys adding to traffic pollution.
3. **Inappropriate site selection:** The site is surrounded by Conservation Areas and Grade II listed buildings and development in this area would cause substantial harm to the character of the area.
4. **Increased flood risk:** The area where I live in Hadley Wood is already prone to flooding,

especially in winter. Building on a sloping site that currently provides a flood area for the river will increase flooding risk, particularly downstream with Hadley Wood.

5. **Wildlife and biodiversity would be harmed.** The land proposed for development is a meadow with extensive hedgerows, numerous trees providing a diverse wildlife habitat. Attempting to replace lost habits with so-called rewilding is nonsensical when we already have mature green spaces, furthermore establishing new habitats takes decades that we do have in our battle to protect the environment. Enfield council should be acting to protect and boost biodiversity in Enfield not making decisions to actively destroy it.

I object to all of Enfield plans to build on Green belt land. I also believe that the proposed site in Hadley (SA45) is particularly unsuited for development, please can you remove this site from the next edition of Enfield's Local plan and retain the green belt status of the land.