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Dear council planning team

I have lived in Hadley Wood for over 21 years and am a member of the Hadley Wood Association. The special character of Hadley Wood's location by the Green Belt and its green spaces have been key to my family's enjoyment of the area. I wish to object to the proposed site allocation, which would allow the development of 160 homes on Green Belt land.

Particular points of concern for me are:

1. Destruction of an area of Green Belt described in Enfield's most recent 2011 Characterisation Study as 'a special area of landscape character which is a major asset for the borough. It is of both landscape and historic significance'. The Study adds: 'The existing Green Belt boundary should be retained and protected, and future development and land use changes resisted'. I understand that it was not on the list for development in the 2018 consultation document and the council has not set out any 'exceptional circumstances' for release of this land.
2. The green belt is intended to prevent urban sprawl, keeping the towns of Potters Bar, Barnet and Enfield separate. I do not think the Council have properly considered the alternatives to Green Belt release and not proved the required exceptional circumstances to justify allowing the release of the site from the Green Belt. I believe that there remain many brownfield sites in the borough which could be more appropriately redeveloped to provide necessary new homes.
3. I believe that the potential designation of the area as 'available' and an 'allocated site' given the concomitant harm to the environment, the adjoining Conservation Areas, and pressure on already limited local amenities and infrastructure would be likely to lead to significantly increased car use, which thus represents flawed application of the intensification of density within 800 metres of a station criterion.

Yours faithfully