
Enfield Planning Department

While there are some good proposals in the new draft plan I am writing to object to the release of any areas of Green Belt in the Borough and in particular the site SA45, and to the creation of an Intensification Zone around Hadley Wood Station, which is a totally inappropriate site for that purpose.

INTENSIFICATION ZONE

Hadley Wood station fails three of the four selection criteria in your own policy documents, It is in the lowest accessibility category PAL1a/b.

The Hadley Wood Conservation Area lies in the centre of the proposed zone. Infilling and high rise buildings not only within but around the Conservation Area would destroy the purpose of protecting this area.

Hadley Wood is deficient in all essential services and amenities such as medical services, post office, supermarkets, library, pubs and entertainment. These facilities can only be accessed by car making the site unsustainable and would exacerbate the problems of climate change.

HadleyWood station should be removed as a site for intensification.

SA45 RELEASE FROM GREEN BELT

There are no special circumstances to justify removing this site from the Green Belt.

This site is almost completely surrounded by protected zones and heritage sites;

the Open Space in Green Belt owned by LBE and leased to the Hadley Wood Association to be used for recreation, sports and as a public park;

the HW Conservation Area which overlaps SA45 that would be compromised by the construction of houses beside and in view of it;

three listed cottages that back on to the site;

the Monken Hadley Conservation Area that includes Monken Hadley Common, which is the subject of a new Act of Parliament to protect it in perpetuity;

the contiguous areas of Green Belt stretching from Enfield into Barnet and Hertsmere, the latter Council having found no grounds for removing any part of this area from the Green Belt.

SA45 is overlooked from the HWA Open Space, Waggon Road, the Ridgeway, the HW and Monken Hadley Conservation Areas and the Great North Road at Hadley Highstone.

New houses on the site would harm the vistas of a continuous rural landscape from all these directions.

The site has a unique heritage as a relic of the royal hunting forest of Enfield Chase with a hedgerow that marked the boundary between Saxon Manors and the counties of Middlesex and Hertfordshire since the ninth century. Cannonballs and other artifacts may lie buried here from the Battle of Barnet in 1471 and the Battlefields Trust has called for the site to remain in the green Belt and for an archaeological survey to be carried out.

Undisturbed grassland supports rich biodiversity and wildlife and absorbs carbon pollution. It needs to be enhanced not destroyed.

Please remove SA45 from your development plans and continue to protect it in the Green Belt.

Please remove the Intensification Zone around Hadley Wood Station from the draft Enfield Local Plan.