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To whom it may concern :

As a resident of Hadley Wood for over forty years and a member of the Hadley Wood Association for the same length of time , I am deeply concerned about the proposal to build on this green belt area .

During this time my children attended first the local preschool and then Hadley wood Primary School benefitting hugely from the green environment in which these are located .

Equally I taught at both the preschool and primary school for over twenty five years in total and greatly appreciated the opportunities available for taking pupils out to learn about nature, wildlife , the environment and associated life skills . We always emphasised the significance of preserving and protecting these green spaces for the future.

It is with both sadness and perturbation that I consider the proposed site allocation allowing the development of 160 homes on this valuable green belt land which extends beyond the borough boundary and includes the green belt asset in other boroughs .

Therefore , I strongly object to the proposal to release this green belt site and the site allocation in order to build this sizeable housing development for the following reasons:

### **1. Hadley Wood does not qualify as a " sustainable development location "**

Hadley wood is a car dependent area as there are no adequate public transport links for schools, healthcare , shopping or leisure facilities . The key roads already operate at more than 100% capacity . With a single ( oversubscribed ) primary school and no secondary schools within walking distance - aside from a private This is a large -scale destruction of Green Belt . one - the volume of traffic will unavoidably increase proportionately to the increase in the number of pupils having to travel to schools outside the area.

There are no accessible National Health GP practices or dentists and shopping is limited - all indicating a greater number of cars being used with the larger population . Greater pollution and congestion will be an unavoidable outcome .

The trains running from the station are commuter based and do not connect Hadley Wood with the rest of the borough .

The local bus provides only a limited daytime service operating only within school hours and going only to High Barnet .

The area is prone to flooding and needs riverside flooding areas , while inadequate sewers / drainage exacerbate the potential problem .

There appears to be no provision or investment to create the imperative infrastructure such a housing intensification will require immediately .

### **2. This is a large scale destruction of Green Belt**

This Local Plan which proposes to build 25% of its 25,000 new homes on Green Belt land over the next twenty years , breaches national policies, the London Plan and even Enfield's own Climate Change Action Plan !! Justification for this plan seems impossible.

Building 160 out of these 25,000 homes on the proposed Hadley Wood site when this number could easily be located outside the Green Belt is equally unjustifiable .

Air quality and biodiversity in the borough is helped by this green area as well as its purpose in separating North West Enfield from both Barnet and Potters Bar . The future will not be well served by this SA45 plan .

### **3. Flawed site choice**

Aside from the above the Local Plan appears to overlook the brownfield sites it holds . Probably being the largest single landowner in the borough , it is notable that the Council has not included any of its own landholdings or estates in the plan !

The Hadley Wood meadows under threat are unique and form part of a single Area of Special Character spanning three boroughs . They are the setting for two Conservation Areas and are in the middle of a green corridor from Barnet through to the farms north and east of Hadley Wood providing a beautiful setting for the numerous walkers , riders and cyclists who frequent the area. The heritage value of the entire Monken Hadley and Hadley Wood areas will be irretrievably lost .