
We came to live in Hadley Wood in 1966 and have always been staunch members of the community.

My husband was a keen member of the Hadley Wood Association and Golf club, I have been an active member of St Paul's Church and our four children attended the local playgroup and then Hadley Wood Primary School. We have always valued and used all the green spaces within Hadley Wood and were drawn to the locality as it is surrounded by Green Belt. I therefore object strongly to the proposed site allocation, which would allow the development of 160 homes on Green Belt land.

The Green Belt was created to stop the sprawl of urbanisation and must be protected and conserved as it serves vital purposes including separation from Barnet and Potters Bar, helping air quality in the borough and biodiversity.

The Hadley Wood meadows under threat are part of the established Green Belt in an Area of Special Character across three boroughs. They provide visual harmony for many walkers and cyclists, are the setting for two Conservation Areas and their loss would greatly harm the heritage value of both Hadley Wood and Monken Hadley.

It is evident that neither the housing supply nor demand requirement has been adequately assessed. There is also no evidence of compliance with the Duty to Cooperate with other boroughs.

As a car-dependent location Hadley Wood is not a suitable location for a large scale increase in housing. The already existing congestion would be worsened, leading to air pollution.

Can you please therefore remove this proposed site allocation from the next edition of the Local Plan and retain the green belt status for the land.