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Dear Sirs,

In reference to the above proposed development I have been waiting until the last minute before putting my strong objections into writing.

There are reasons that Green Belt land has been designated as such and I believe that it should remain undeveloped until, and only if, all other paths to providing adequate numbers of new homes, along with the related infrastructure needed, have been truly exhausted. Has every other option, every derelict site, every bit of brownfield land been bought up and developed...I would say it has not. Without me being able to put any quantities on the number of vacant buildings, office blocks, retail units, warehouses and factories currently lying empty and unused across this borough, surely the more intelligent way forward would be to re-develop these....there must be at least scope for 160 homes to be developed whilst preserving the now scare green belt land around the borough.

I have relations who live on Camlet Way and whose home will be blighted by this development. They currently look out over the land in question, have the enjoyment of watching the wildlife, the seasons changing, the horses coming to graze at the rear of their property. This was one of the reasons they bought their home in Hadley Wood nearly 20 years ago...They thought at the time that the Green Belt would protect this special view... and now because someone somewhere wants to make an opportunistic fortune and also helps Enfield Council to meet their new homes target, this are will be ruined.

As the owner of a garden maintenance business with over 1 dozen clients in the Hadley Wood area, I am disturbed that any council would see this as a wise way to move forward. We notice, more so recently than ever before, the lack of amenities and infrastructure available for the current residents. It is so difficult to park at the moment on the Crescent, with the addition of 160 more homes, how many more residents, delivery vans, repair and service outfits and the list is endless can an already 'Full' area cope with. Where are the doctors' surgeries, post offices, banks, etc., etc., that this influx of people can access....Not in Hadley Wood.. which means an exponential increase of car journeys...has anyone on the council ever tried to pass the line of large MPVs, 4x4's and people carriers as they jostle for parking/position each school morning and afternoon at the top of Camlet Way.....Please try this before adding to the misery of the locals.

I sincerely hope that my plea along with all those others I imagine already lodged will be taken into account....if this development gets the go ahead from Enfield Council then I believe there will be a huge question for all those involved to answer before the next, and every election going forward....this will ruin Hadley Wood for ever, it is not a short term hiccup....To think that King Henry 8<sup>th</sup> rode out through these fields, that the Battle of Barnet took place here, that the site actually forms part of the Hornbeam Hills area of Special Character, to lose all this for a few new homes...is it wise? Once destroyed it can never be what is is now and what a Green Belt should be...

