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Dear Sir / Madam,

As a long-term resident of Hadley Wood, I am writing to object in the strongest possible manner to the proposed plans of building of 160 homes on Green Belt Land in Hadley Wood. The reasons why I am objecting are as follows:

**Over-densification / Non-sustainable development:** This development would completely change the nature of Hadley Wood and lead to over-densification of the area. There is not the infrastructure to cope with 160 more homes and countless more cars. Although there is a station, it only enables transport towards central London or out towards Welwyn Garden City. The trains are of limited use for schools, doctors, supermarkets etc.. and the local bus service is minimal. Almost every family moving into the area is likely to use one or more cars and the roads are already congested and dangerous, during working hours, especially around the station in the crescent, and on Camlet Way / Beech Hill. This is not a sustainable development, it will put huge strain on limited local resources.

**Green Belt / Biodiversity:** The green belt is the lungs of London, there should be no development on this precious natural resource, and certainly not before every alternative option has been explored. This is a resource that can only be lost once. It will never be possible to reverse this process. I am really worried about the biodiversity impact from building on the Green Belt. My house backs onto this plot and we regularly see Muntjac deer, Green Woodpeckers, and other wildlife. Developing this space will force the deer nearer to the road, where I have tragically seen some killed by traffic. This risk could also be exacerbated by having extra cars on the road. The local bee hives also rely on the wild plants in this area of green belt. I am surprised that the Duchy agreed to this development as it is the people like Prince Charles are the most vocal proponents of preserving the environment.

**Conservation areas:** This site sits between two conservation areas - Hadley Wood and Monken Hadley. This development threatens the nature of these conservation areas and the views from them. It is also a historic site.

**Flood risk:** I know from many years of experience that my garden, which backs onto this plot, absorbs a lot of water when it rains, and the fields behind must do so too. This water is then released slowly into the local drainage system which could easily become overwhelmed if a large area is built over. Significantly more water could also come down from the fields into the gardens, or even the homes backing onto the site, if it is developed.

Yours faithfully