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Dear Enfield Council,

I have visited Hadley Wood regularly for the past 14 years, since my son and his family moved here from Central London. They were drawn to the area by the open spaces and far-reaching views across London. My grandson attended Hadley Wood Pre-School which was delightful, giving its wonderful location amongst open fields and clean air.

Surrounded by Green Belt and with plenty of space in which to enjoy outdoor pursuits, Hadley Wood has always been a wonderful area. However, with all the pressures of the past 18 months, being a regular visitor to an area where there are woodlands and walks on one's doorstep has been invaluable. As a regular walker, I have also noticed that the pavements are narrow and the traffic fast, which is not conducive to either pedestrians or cyclists.

Whilst there is a need for further housing stock, society has grown increasingly aware of the need to protect the environment. I am alarmed at the proposed development of 160 homes on Green Belt land (Site SA45) as I believe that our Green Belt should be preserved and not commandeered for the development of further homes.

I have witnessed building projects go from occasional and sensitive to almost constant. The rampant overdevelopment has placed increased pressure on local and side roads, with many streets regularly congested by works traffic.

As development in the area has increased, so has the demand on local services and amenities. I believe that currently Hadley Wood Primary School is over-subscribed, with a long waiting-list, leaving residents unable to secure places for their children. Residents of Enfield and surrounding boroughs are also poorly served for Secondary School options for their children.

Whilst Hadley Wood is served by a mainline train station, this is mainly used for journeys to and from the city. A local bus service runs during daytime hours only and there are no other public transport connections between Hadley Wood and the rest of the borough. For many residents, driving is the most reliable method of getting around, adding to the congestion within the area. Further development within the area would only increase traffic on the local roads.

I object to the proposed site allocated for the development of 160 homes. Please reconsider the proposal to preserve the Green Belt, its biodiversity, and the unspoilt character of the landscape.

Thank you.

