

Dear Sirs

**Local Plan - Site SA45 – Land between Camlet Way and Crescent West, Hadley Wood**

I have lived in Hadley Wood for over 15 years . I was attracted to this area because of the green space that surrounds Hadley Wood . I regularly walk my dog along Bartrams Lane and Crescent West overlooking this land. I would stand and admire the horses in the fields and it was a great delight to my children and no doubt to other children and visitors to this part of London.

I strongly object to the Council's proposal to reduce the acreage of the Green Belt that surrounds Hadley Wood.

**Climate Change and Flooding**

Over recent years the world has witnessed the impact of increasing natural disasters including increased rainfall and flash floods . Hadley Wood is no exception . A few weeks ago we experienced unprecedented rainfall over a very short time span and ,according to climatologist ,this pattern is likely to be repeated more frequently and with increasing intensity. The Green Belt acts as a sponge to retain this excess moisture and allows it to drain more slowly thus preventing flooding to homes in the vicinity.

**Sprawling urban concentration on Green Belt land.**

Should this proposal be adopted it would mean that a precedence is set for further encroachment on the green belt land thus reducing the acreage. Through a process of incrementalism the urban built environment will sprawl and over time the Green Belt is likely to be greatly reduced in acreage or disappear in its entirety. We do not want to create a megalopolis as what has happened on the eastern seaboard of the United States .

I therefore urge the Council to change the Local Plan to retain the green belt in this location and remove the site allocation.

Yours faithfully