
Dear Enfield Planning Office

My name is Helen Touli and I have lived in Hadley Wood with my family for over 23 years. I am a member of the Hadley Wood Association, a committee member of the Hadley Wood Association, a local business owner and a parent of 3 sons who have all attended local nurseries, Hadley Wood Primary School and various local clubs, including Hadley Wood Tennis Club.

We specifically moved to the area because of the open green spaces that surround Hadley Wood, the protected Greenbelt land and special character of the area.

I therefore object to the proposed site allocation which would allow the development of 160 homes on greenbelt land.

#1 green spaces

In this current climate of protection of green spaces for today and for future generations, I strongly feel the greenbelt must be protected and conserved in north west Enfield. It's a natural separation of Barnet and Potters Bar and is invaluable for the air quality and biodiversity in the borough.

#2 services

Hadley Wood is not a sustainable location for a new housing estate of 160 new homes. The primary school is a one-form entry school that is always oversubscribed with a long waiting list; there are very few services in the area with only a small parade of shops near the station; the bus service is very limited, operating during daytime off peak times only between 10am and 3pm with services to Barnet only. The use of a car is essential in Hadley Wood; new residents will add to the traffic pollution and congestion, contrary to the policies for cycling and walking and especially to the rationale for building near the station.

#3 Unnecessary And Wrong

It does not make sense to build on the special meadows where other brownfield sites can be found now and in the immediate short and medium term.

#4 topography

Hadley wood is built on clay soil. It makes sense that erecting 160 houses on sloping greenbelt land will cause severe flooding issues. This sensitive site near the local Conservation Area, a flood area for the river, will be affected by surface water run-off, creating issues within the site and downstream within Hadley Wood. This in turn will harm the local fauna, flora and wildlife balance. This site is therefore not sustainable.

I urge you to please remove this proposed site allocation from the next edition of the Local Plan and retain the greenbelt status for the land.

Thank you.

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Kind regards
Helen