
Dear Sirs

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

My wife and I have resided in Hadley Wood for over 20 years and regularly walk and jog along Bartrams Lane and Crescent

West overlooking this land and around Bartrams Fields. This land forms part of a very picturesque landscape which extends well

beyond the borough boundary to include the green belt in other boroughs. We are deeply alarmed by the prospect of losing this valuable green belt asset for development and wish to strongly object to the proposed release of this green belt site and the site allocation, which would allow the development of 160 homes on green belt land. Our reasons are the following :

1. The proposals represent an unnecessary large scale destruction of Green Belt land

The Local Plan proposes a quarter of the 25,000 new homes to be built on Green Belt land, in breach of national policies, the London Plan and Enfield's own Climate Change Action Plan. To build 25% of the new homes on Green Belt land cannot be justified. There is no justification why 160 out of the 25,000 homes should be built on the Hadley Wood site when this number of homes could easily be found outside the green belt.

2. Increased housing in Hadley Wood is not 'sustainable development'

Hadley Wood is a car dependent neighbourhood as local public transport links are very poor, local amenities (GP, post office, shopping, schooling, leisure) are really lacking and the existing area is prone to flooding due to inadequate sewers/drainage. Nevertheless, the Plan proposes the new housing development and site intensification without any investment to improve the infrastructure.

3. The Local Plan fails to develop/prioritise all brownfield sites ahead of Green Belt land

The Local Plan does not have a settlement hierarchy or prioritisation of brownfield sites. The Council has not even included any of its landholdings or estates, which is surprising.

4. The Site is surrounded by Conservation Areas and Grade II listed buildings

The site is situated between the Hadley Wood Conservation Area and the Monken Hadley Conservation Area, with Grade II listed buildings on Camlet Way. The Plan's proposals will adversely impact the setting, character and appearance of those heritage sites and violate planning principles. The long standing character of Hadley Wood is that of a semi rural nature and the proposals would be detrimental to this.

5.Environmental

Losing this field to a housing estate would have an adverse affect on the environment, wildlife and ecology.

We therefore implore Enfield Council to change the Local Plan to retain the green belt in this location and remove the site allocation.