

I have lived in Hadley Wood for 15 years and am a member of [the Hadley Wood Association. I value all the green spaces within Hadley Wood and was drawn to the locality as it is surrounded by Green Belt, which protects the special character of the area. I therefore object to the proposed site allocation, which would allow the development of 160 homes on Green Belt land.

The Green Belt must be protected and conserved as it serves vital purposes including separation from Barnet and Potters Bar, helping air quality in the borough and biodiversity. The centuries' old grasslands are an important resource for carbon sequestration.

The Hadley Wood meadows under threat are part of the established Green Belt in an Area of Special Character across three boroughs. They provide visual harmony for many walkers and cyclists, are the setting for two Conservation Areas and their loss would greatly harm the heritage value of both Hadley Wood and Monken Hadley. The intensification plans would also cause harm to the Conservation Area.

**As a car-dependent location Hadley Wood is not a suitable location for a large scale increase in housing at site SA45 or through intensification. The already existing congestion would be worsened, leading to air pollution. The destruction of grassland, a valuable resource for carbon sequestration, would also represent a material negative.**

Can you please therefore remove this proposed site allocation from the next edition of the Local Plan and retain the green belt status for the land.