

I have lived in Hadley Wood my whole life, 21 years. I went to Hadley Wood primary for 7 years and over time I've stepped foot on every crevice of land here, watching the development of the area as I have. It's an objectively beautiful place as you are aware situated in between farms and fields, Barnet and Potters Bar. Living here is great due to the clean air, peacefulness and various wildlife that situate around in the fields and other green spaces particularly our Greenbelt.

Despite this I have seen over time the gradual yet significant increase in congestion in the area, specifically along roads Crescent East and West as well as nearby roads, since as well as it being the social hub of the area, this is where people park their cars to get the train to work from Hadley Wood Station into/out of London to work Monday-Friday since there are few business located in Hadley Wood.

Implementing housing on our Greenbelt would in short term be extremely detrimental to the access of these roads due to building work and lorries in the way and causing poorer air quality and noise pollution, but long term cause further strain in these areas too, particularly parking. We all know in London Town how much of a hassle this is especially. What makes Hadley Wood a special place to live and visit is the tranquility and natural beauty that allows nature to thrive out the way of people but close enough to see. This type of area nowadays especially with a housing crisis is understandably a rarity around London and in my humble opinion should be preserved. In a city so diverse why aid to tarnish what makes it so.

Next, having 160 more houses in Hadley Wood will further strain the only primary school in the area Hadley Wood Primary. It's a single form per year school which since I was there 2005-2012 was constantly oversubscribed, just about managing to fit an ever growing amount of kids in the years which is detrimental to the quality of teaching.

Also the singular bus that goes through Hadley Wood the 399 comes through the Crescents area on its only stop on the hour from 09:03 - 02:03. As someone who regularly got the bus from/via Barnet, this meant I could go to Barnet but realistically only return on foot. Anyway, my point is the transport links round Hadley Wood specifically are dire with half the area parking their cars to go to Hadley wood station, and the other half contributing to the ever present traffic on Cockfosters road going from Potters Bar way. Should these plans to build over our Greenbelt go ahead, these issues will only be amplified.

Lastly, erecting 160 houses on our Greenbelt increases the risk of flooding in the surrounding area. It is fairly common knowledge that parts of Hadley Wood are flood zone 3 and that we have weak sewage and flood defences as it is. It would be unwise to add to the issue which would also harm the integrity of the habitat. Speaking of habitat, building on the Greenbelt site would contrary to Enfield's green policy.

I strongly urge you to please take into consideration all these points and more by fellow objectors of the plan. It's imperative that this unique area can thrive, maintaining Greenbelt status of the land.

Thank you