

Dear Sirs,

Ref: Proposed new development site in Hadley Wood between Camlet Way and Crescent West SA45

I would like to add my voice to the large volume of local residents contesting this development.

Having moved into Hadley Wood in 2019, but having had a connection to the area for more than 10 years, I am deeply concerned about the substantial new development planned on the green belt land near Hadley Wood train station. This proposed development will in my opinion destroy an area which all local residents, including dog walkers and children enjoy and makes Hadley Wood the outstanding neighbourhood it is. Walking around the local area and enjoying the beautiful scenery with my children and other families in the fields, will never be the same again if this development continues. I am very concerned about the destruction of green belt when further plots in brownfield and other areas should be fully exhausted when considering development, something I do not believe has been suitably addressed by the Local Council. If we start to destroy green belt land then where does it end, as there will be nothing for our children, their children and all the future generations to enjoy. Being originally from the Yorkshire area, I was lucky enough to grow up with the "Dales" on my doorstep and Hadley Wood is one area of North London that has an excellent balance of Development and Green Belt. It cannot become over developed as it will lose its character and appeal to the Local residents, many of whom have lived here for the majority of their lives. I would further mention that given the current Covid pandemic, more and more of the residents are taking time to explore the beautiful green belt that the area has to offer.

Even if the Council continues to consider invading Green Belt is a sensible idea (naïve in the extreme!), there are other practical impacts on the local area. Facilities including Schools and Doctors Surgeries are already over-subscribed in the local area. Parking for the local Shops and Train Station already "fill" Crescent East and Crescent West roads during the weekdays. I do not understand how a further 160 houses, equating to say circa 640 (assumed 4 residents per dwelling) additional residents and say 240 additional cars (assuming 1.5 cars per household) that go with them, can be supported in this small village.

An additional important factor is the already considerable impact on the local water table, where large dwellings are being re-developed into flats / apartments. I would hope the Local Council are already aware of these issues – if they aren't then little research has clearly been undertaken – with local flooding at the bottom of our road (Beech Hill Avenue) and also in the newer Douglas Close development. How will this be impacted further by yet more destruction of the surrounding farmland which often floods and is impacted when we have rain?

The Council should be focusing on how to improve and preserve our green belt, to protect our local environment and improve our local communities. The logical conclusion therefore is for you to deny this development and consider brownfield sites, which will protect our local

countryside for future generations.