

I have lived in the area for 30 years and cannot believe the Council is seeking to remove the green belt designation to allow the above site to be developed into housing. The land under consideration is part of the Green Belt designed to protect this land from development and the release of any green belt land in Enfield has not been justified, especially SA45.

To quote:-

*Protecting Green Belt land - 140. Once established, Green Belt boundaries should only be altered where exceptional circumstances are fully evidenced and justified, through the preparation or updating of plans. Strategic policies should establish the need for any changes to Green Belt boundaries, having regard to their intended permanence in the long term, so they can endure beyond the plan period. Where a need for changes to Green Belt boundaries has been established through strategic policies, detailed amendments to those boundaries may be made through non-strategic policies, including neighbourhood plans*

There are other Brownfield sites within the Borough which would be far more suitable for housing, especially when transport, schools, GP services etc are taken into consideration, especially given the recent change in retail practice and empty office sites.

There are no transport services to serve the area and therefore no way to reach local underground or train services

The Enfield Local Plan is therefore not compliant with the NPPF and I 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 for the following reasons. The council should be investigating the various brownfield sites in private and public ownership in the Borough before looking to build in Hadley Wood on Green Belt protected land.