

I am a resident of Hadley Wood and I write to object to the proposed site allocation SA45 which would allow the development of 160 houses on Green Belt land. The protection of Green Belt land is vital, and is a positive approach to planning. It stops urban sprawl and encourages the essential regeneration of towns and cities. It provides the much-needed relief of countryside areas and protects the setting of many of our historic settlements, for example in this particular case the ecology of Hadley Wood's unique area of rough grazing and wildlife habitat which is a relic of the landscape of Enfield Chase.

This proposal is a direct contradiction to Enfield's most recent Characterisation Study, which refers to the area as "a special area of landscape character which is a major asset for the borough. It is of both landscape and historic significance", and "The existing Green Belt boundary should be retained and protected, and future development and land use changes resisted".

I further draw attention to the following:

- **Wildlife and biodiversity would be harmed.** The building of 160 houses on this site contradicts Enfield's green policies and the declaration by the Council of a Climate Emergency.
- **The proposed site is an inappropriate location for sustainable development.** This is not a sustainable site. It has poor public transport links and the scheme would be wholly reliant upon cars, as there are very limited local amenities - no local GP, no post office, no secondary school, an oversubscribed primary school and virtually no local employment.
- **The site is surrounded by Conservation Areas and Grade II listed buildings.** The site is bordered and overlooked by the Hadley Wood Conservation Area, the Monken Hadley Conservation Area and many Grade II listed buildings in the local area. It would be impossible to build on the proposed site without it adversely impacting the setting, character and appearance of those heritage assets.
- **The site should not be classed as 'Available' and should not be included as an allocated site.** The agricultural tenant's lease runs beyond the five-year threshold and this Green Belt site should not be included for development for a further ten years (plus) time, as other brownfield locations will become available within that time frame.
- **The Council has not outlined the necessary 'exceptional circumstances'** why this specific Green Belt site should be released for development for 160 houses, out of the 25,000 houses it is seeking to be built up to 2039.