

Dear Sirs

**Local Plan - Site SA45 – Land between Camlet Way and Crescent West, Hadley Wood**

I have lived in Hadley Green all my life. I am seriously shocked and saddened that the Council is seeking to remove the green belt designation to allow the site to be developed into housing.

I therefore wish to 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:

**1. IT IS NOT A SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT LOCATION.** Whilst good growth and development is welcomed, amenities and infrastructure would require significant investment to accommodate a meaningful increase in the number of residents through the development of this site or intensification around the station. Hadley Wood lacks schools, healthcare, shopping and leisure facilities, local public transport is poor and drainage/sewers inadequate. It is a car-dependent location and congestion causes air pollution and thus increases climate change effects. Traffic will be horrendous!!

**2. IT IS UNNECESSARY AND WRONG.** Neither the housing supply nor demand requirement has been adequately assessed. The range of housing need numbers is too wide to justify the necessary exceptional circumstances, and various potential sources of supply, such as SIL sites, have not been assessed. There is also no evidence of compliance with the Duty to Cooperate with other boroughs.

**3. CLIMATE CHANGE.** 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 council and our government should be doing everything possible to ensure that reduce pollution and climate change. There are so many brown sites that could be developed so the council ought to look there first

**Please remove all of site SA45 from the proposed allocation and fully investigate all brownfield sites in private and public ownership before looking to build on the green belt.**

