

Dear Sirs

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

Hadley Wood

I have lived in Hadley Wood for over 25 years. Ask any one of Hadley Wood, they will tell you they find one elderly man regularly the greens of our area and that is me. In fact when I moved to this area back in 1995, it was the open space, the green belt that was the reason behind our decision making process.

We all will hate to see that this green belt this dear open space is being taken away from us in the form of this unnecessary development. You do not take away such a treasure from the local people. It will be a destruction of our heritage.

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

This is an unnecessary large scale destruction of Green Belt.

Increased housing in Hadley Wood is not ‘sustainable development’.

The Local Plan fails to develop/prioritise all brownfield sites. The Local Plan does not have a settlement hierarchy or prioritisation of brownfield sites. The Council has not even included any of their landholdings or estates, which is surprising, given they must be the largest single landowner in the borough.

The Site is surrounded by Conservation Areas and Grade II listed buildings.

The site is sandwiched between the Hadley Wood Conservation Area and the Monken Hadley Conservation Area, with Grade II listed buildings on Camlet Way. The Plan's proposals will adversely impact the setting, character and appearance of those heritage assets. The Council has not produced any evidence to assess the level of harm and should therefore not be allocating the site without such evidence.

Environmental – how can developing on this beautiful field assist the Council in meeting its own Climate Change Action Plan? Why is the council seeking to concrete over this field. Surely this field contributes more to fighting Climate Change, than developing it for housing.

I therefore urge the Council to change the Local Plan to retain the green belt in this location and remove the site allocation.