

Dear Sirs

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

I have lived in Hadley Wood for over 15 years and regularly walk along Bartrams Lane and Crescent West overlooking this land. This land forms part of an absolutely stunning landscape which goes well beyond the borough boundary and includes the green belt in other boroughs. I am hugely disappointed by the prospect of losing this valuable green belt asset for development.

Consequently please accept this letter as a formal and strong objection 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.

The Local Plan proposes a quarter of the 25,000 new homes to be built on Green Belt land, in breach of national policies, the London Plan and Enfield's own Climate Change Action Plan. To build 25% of the new homes on Green Belt land cannot be justified. There is no justification why 160 out of the 25,000 homes should be built on the Hadley Wood site when such a small number of homes could easily be found outside the green belt.

Increased housing in Hadley Wood is not 'sustainable development'.

Hadley Wood is car dependent neighbourhood as local public transport links are very poor, local amenities (GP, post office, shopping, schooling, leisure) are already inadequate and a development of this nature is not sustainable. The existing area is also prone to flooding due to insufficient sewers/drainage infrastructure. Nevertheless, the Plan proposes the new housing development and site intensification without any investment to improve the infrastructure.

The Local Plan fails to develop/prioritise all brownfield sites. The Local Plan does not have a settlement hierarchy or prioritisation of brownfield sites. Additionally, the Council has not included any of their landholdings or estates, which is surprising, given it 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 result in a significant adverse impact to 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.

The proposed development on this beautiful field cannot assist the Council in meeting its own ESG/Climate Change Action Plan. Surely maintenance of this plot of land for its existing use contributes more to fighting Climate Change and the Council's ESG responsibilities, 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.