

Dear Sir and Madamm,

I have been a resident of Hadley Wood for 25 years where my children attended the local nursery and primary schools and where I have been a member of the Hadley Wood Golf Club. I am very fond of the nature that surrounds the village inclusive of the Green Belt. Working in the city, being able to come home to beautiful scenery and breathing the fresh air is the reason why I chose to live here and continue to live here after all these years. Therefore, I am opposed to the proposed site allocation, enabling development of 160 homes on Green Belt land.

The fields that make up part of the Green Belt adds to the beautiful landscapes which is the heritage of Hadley Wood. Many local and non-local trekkers visit the area to indulge in the scenery and to appreciate the vast nature. The valley situated at the site that leads to the main Enfield river is liable to flooding and therefore needs to be kept as is in order to prevent any serious flood damage. Constructing on the site will damage the scenery and the heritage values, and also can be susceptible to further flooding and damaging of properties.

Another issue with the planning is that it disregards the site as an unsustainable location. Hadley Wood only has the bare minimum of services required in living. The public transport system is restrictive. There are no secondary schools and the nursery and primary schools do not have the capacity to enrol many pupils. There is only one each of a shop, café and restaurant and there are slim to none in terms of jobs. There is also an issue with the drainage and sewers system being inadequate and the roads are always congested in peak travel hours. It is not an ideal site for housing development as all new residents will have to rely on cars and travel away from the village for every aspect of life.

Finally, the explanation given by the council for coming to the conclusion to construct on this site is inadequate. It fails to show proper evidence of research as to why the site is suitable, with no assessments made of its heritage or landscape. Construction on the Green Belt can only be permitted under 'exceptional circumstances' and thus far the reasons the council has given does not seem to validate how the benefits of construction outweighs that of the preservations of the Green Belt for its traditional English scenery and protection of the environment.

Therefore, I would like to ask for the removal of this proposed site allocation and retain the Green Belt status of the land.