

Dear Sirs

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

Wood

I grew up in Hadley Wood and spent many summers days walking along Bartram Lane and Crescent West. We would take Casper, my dog, for a walk around the fields and would often stop and admire the views that surrounded us.

The main reason my parents chose to live in Hadley Wood was due to the beautiful green fields that surround it. I, therefore, strongly object to the Council's proposal to reduce the acreage of the Green Belt that surrounds Hadley Wood.

Climate Change and Flooding

Climate change is the focal point of many a conversation. We often hear about Extinction Rebellion causing mayhem all in the name of climate change. However, due to the increased rainfall and lack of absorption from the limited green spaces flash flooding has become a serious issue within the UK.

If we continue to build on all the green spaces around us, we will have nowhere for this surface run off to go. Flooding will be inevitable.

Green Belt

If the Council agrees to this encroachment on the green belt, it will set a precedent. More developers will want to build on green belt land. It will create more congestion, pollution will increase, loss of open space, it will directly impact plants and wildlife and the area will become overcrowded with people.

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