

I have lived in Hadley Wood with my family for over 7 years. I live on Camlet Way and regularly walk along Camlet Way and Crescent West to the local park with my young family overlooking this land. I value all of the green spaces within the area and we as a family were drawn to the locality as it is surrounded by Green Belt, which protects the special character of the area and offers my children a good quality of life. I therefore object to the proposed site allocation, which would permit the development of 160 homes on Green Belt land.

This land must be protected and conserved as it serves vital purposes including separation from Barnet and Potters Bar, helping air quality in the borough, something I am very passionate about having a young family.

I strongly believe this is not a sustainable development location due to the fact Hadley Wood's existing amenities and infrastructure would require significant investment to accommodate a meaningful increase in the number of residents through the development of site SA45 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 key roads operate at over 100% of capacity, and congestion causes air pollution and thus increases climate change effects.

This proposed plan will destroy our unique heritage landscape and the Hadley Wood meadows under threat are part of the established Green Belt in an Area of Special Character across three boroughs. They provide visual harmony for many walkers and cyclists, are the setting for two Conservation Areas and their loss would greatly harm the heritage value of both Hadley Wood and Monken Hadley also causing considerable harm to the Conservation Area as wildlife and biodiversity would be harmed.

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. It is therefore unnecessary and wrong.

Can you please therefore remove this proposed site allocation from the next edition of the Local Plan and retain the green belt status for the land.

From all the discussions I have had with local residents it is very clear that they will be watching this process very carefully and the application itself if it reaches that stage - and should there be any flaw in the proper process a judicial review will be pursued against the council. Such is the strength of opposition and bad feeling against this particular proposal and the desire to stop it. I urge the local authority to therefore please drop this site as soon as possible.

