

*Dear Sirs*

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

I have lived in Hadley Wood for just over 20 years with my mother, husband, and son. We are all strongly against the above-named proposal. I have chosen to stay in this area for the last 20 years because of the benefits of being with in a greenbelt. It has a stunning landscape which should not be destructed, especially for something as unsustainable as this. I am a very active member of the community and experience the area daily whether on foot or by car would like to inform you that most of the community are outraged by the prospect of more houses in the area.

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I would like you to know that as a mother of a 4-year-old, who failed to get into the local one form entry school Hadley Wood Primary whilst only living a mere 0.47 miles away from the school is most frustrated at the prospect of even more houses coming into the area. Especially on a protected greenbelt area.

It would be a very irresponsible thing for there to be even more houses built in an area that already has a lack of school places for its existing residents. Our son cannot walk to school, we are having to drive in the traffic every day to take him to another school. It was a very difficult and distressing time for us and many other families. The impact of new housing will cause problems on the mental health of the current residents as well as the incoming residents as there is no scope for new houses in this area.

It must be considered that Hadley Wood cannot cope with any more houses for many other reasons like healthcare, shopping, and leisure facilities.

In addition, local public transport is poor and drainage/sewers inadequate. Hadley Wood is predominately a car-dependent location, and key roads operate at over 100% of capacity, and congestion causes air pollution and thus increases climate change effects. Parking at the Hadley Wood Station is almost impossible for the current residents, it is a danger already and will be even more so if there is an overflow of new residents just meters away.

The Green Belt must be protected and conserved as it serves vital purposes including separation from Barnet and Potters Bar, helping air quality in the borough and biodiversity. The centuries' old grasslands are an important resource for carbon sequestration.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you want any further insight into the impact this greenbelt destruction will cause us.