

Dear Sirs

I have lived in Potters Bar all my life and for the the last 3 years have been living in Hadley Wood.

Many of my friends live here too.

I enjoy the countryside around where I now live and enjoy the many walks with my dog in and around Bartrams Fields and the woods and the rest of the open land all around where I live.

It was be a travesty to see this Green Belt area of great beauty and openness destroyed by the building of 160 houses. I thought Green Belt land is supposed to be protected to ensure biodiversity and help with pollution and climate change.

I understand there are many brownfield sites that are available and can be used, why are these not being used, and instead you seek to encroach on our valuable green spaces. Intensification of this area is not appropriate.

Unfortunately, to live in this area, one needs a vehicle. With many more properties planned to be built here, this will then increase congestion, pollution and cause more issues in this area. The schools cannot cope with any more children in the area, there are no medical facilities, post offices or banks, and only a small basic shop, so all residents will need to commute to access these essential places

Walking around the area, I am aware of flooding issues, as we are on a hill and on clay, I believe this will only be exacerbated by the building of another 160 properties.

During the pandemic, and continuing, I am lucky to be able to benefit from the green spaces around me, the fresh air and open fields, which is so important for my mental health and general wellbeing

With global warming and climate change, this is more of an important aspect to us youngsters.

I would not be happy for this area to change and I would urge you to reconsider and remove this area from your site allocation of building new homes on a Green Belt land for your Local Plan proposal.