

RE: **Draft Local Plan - Site SA45 (Land between Camlet Way and Crescent West,**

Hadley Wood) and Intensification Zone around Hadley Wood station

Dear Sirs,

I moved to Hadley Wood in 2006 because of its close proximity to open Green Belt Land and woodlands. This environment not only provides cleaner air, but also the opportunity to engage with nature which was key during the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown.

Green Belt Land must be protected and conserved

Our Green Belt Land and its biodiversity should be preserved for future generations to enjoy, not scarred by the churn of development, I therefore strongly object to the proposed site allocation, which would allow the development of 160 homes on Green Belt land.

Increased Housing in Hadley Wood is not 'Sustainable Development'

Hadley Wood is a car dependent neighbourhood as local public transport links are very poor. For example, the bus connecting Hadley Wood to Barnet stops before 3p.m. in the afternoon. I am concerned about the effect on road safety and air pollution for my children due to the increase in traffic and congestion caused by an additional 160 properties. The local amenities are limited (GP, post office, shopping, schooling, leisure) and the existing area is prone to flooding due to inadequate sewers/drainage. Nevertheless, the Plan proposes the new housing development and site intensification without any investment to improve the infrastructure.

The Plan will destroy the Designated Conservation Area

The Hadley Wood Conservation Area would be greatly affected by the plans. A report regarding the Hadley Wood Conservation Area on the Enfield Council website state that its "designation imposes a duty on the Council, in exercising its planning powers, to pay special attention to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of the area". The Council should "... manage change in a sensitive way, to ensure that those qualities which warranted designation are sustained and reinforced rather than

eroded". I feel that if this plan is to go ahead then the council is facilitating the erosion of this special area of character.

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.