

I have lived in Hadley Wood for 22 years and am a member of the Hadley Wood Association. During my childhood I attended the local nursery and after that I attended Hadley Wood Primary School. I value all of the green spaces within Hadley Wood and consider the locality to be particularly appealing because it is surrounded by Green Belt, which protects the special character of the local area that is an ideal location for walks in the countryside. I therefore object to the proposed housing development, which would allow the development of 160 homes on Green Belt land.

1. The location is not suitable for sustainable development. Hadley Wood has poor transport links, with a Public Transport Accessibility Level (PTAL) of 1a/b. The housing scheme would be reliant on car transportation as there are few local amenities, no GP, no post office, no secondary school, an already oversubscribed primary school and local employment is virtually non-existent.

2. The proposed development would increase the flood risk in other parts of Hadley Wood. Parts of the land are flood zone 3 and local sewers, drainage and flood defences are already inadequate, resulting in frequent flooding across Hadley Wood. The existing sewer infrastructure in much of Hadley Wood has not kept up with the level of development that has already taken place and it would not cope with the impact of this proposed significant additional development.

3. The proposed development would harm wildlife and biodiversity. Building the proposed 160 new homes on 11 hectares of fields would be an inefficient use of open land that serves an important purpose and would also contradict Enfield's green policies and the declaration by the Council of a climate emergency. This area of rough grazing and wildlife habitat has a unique ecology as well as historical significance and should not be sacrificed/destroyed by further housing development when there are alternative more suitable brownfield sites elsewhere within the borough.

4. It would be both inappropriate and out of character with the surrounding area to increase the housing density in the vicinity of Hadley Wood station. The proposed additional housing to be added between, behind and above existing homes cannot be considered to be sustainable development and such high density development would be more appropriate for an inner city location than for a small suburb which is surrounded by green belt.

Would you please therefore remove this proposed housing development from the next edition of the Local Plan and conserve the green belt status of this area of land.

