

Dear Sirs,

I grew up in Hadley Wood and my family have been residents for over 30 years. Over the years we have enjoyed walking along Bartrams Lane and Crescent West, the roads overlooking this land. I was shocked to learn of the development plans on this beautiful green belt and the seismic change it would bring to the quiet hamlet of Hadley Wood. As a resident of Crescent East, I am directly affected.

I therefore wish to strongly object to the proposed release of this green belt site and the site allocation, which would allow the development of 160 homes on green belt land for a number of reasons:

This is an unnecessary large scale destruction of Green Belt.

The Local Plan proposes a quarter of the 25,000 new homes to be built on Green Belt land, in breach of national policies, the London Plan and Enfield's own Climate Change Action Plan. To build 25% of the new homes on Green Belt land cannot be justified. There is no justification why 160 out of the 25,000 homes should be built on the Hadley Wood site when such a small number of homes could easily be found outside the green belt.

Increased housing in Hadley Wood is not 'sustainable development'.

Hadley Wood is car dependent neighbourhood as local public transport links are very poor, local amenities (GP, post office, shopping, schooling, leisure) are really lacking 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 Local Plan fails to develop/prioritise all brownfield sites. The Local Plan does not have a settlement hierarchy or prioritisation of brownfield sites. The Council has not even included any of their landholdings or estates, which is surprising, given they must be the largest single landowner in the borough.

The Site is surrounded by Conservation Areas and Grade II listed buildings.

The site is sandwiched between the Hadley Wood Conservation Area and the Monken Hadley Conservation Area, with Grade II listed buildings on Camlet Way. The Plan's proposals will adversely impact the setting, character and appearance of those heritage assets. The Council has not produced any evidence to assess the level of harm and should therefore not be allocating the site without such evidence.

Environmental – how can developing on this beautiful field assist the Council in meeting its own Climate Change Action Plan? Why is the council seeking to concrete over this field. Surely this field contributes more to fighting Climate Change, than developing it for housing.

I therefore urge the Council to change the Local Plan to retain the green belt in this location and remove the site allocation.

Impact on the value of existing homes

As well as the points to do with destroying green belt land unnecessarily and the inadequacy of Hadley Wood to cope with the increase in population a not insignificant concern is impact of such a concentrated development on the value of existing homes. I do not believe this has even been

