

Dear Sirs,

We have been residents of Hadley Wood for 19 years. We have brought up our 3 children here as it is an area for families who value the local amenities including the green spaces , local church and excellent local primary school. It is of great importance that we preserve all our green spaces since without these family life would be detrimentally affected. The Green Belt should be preserved as it provides the local residents with many benefits as well as giving it a special character which has grown over a hundred or more years.

We are writing to object strongly to the proposed site allocation which would allow over 160 homes to be built on Green Belt land.

There are numerous grounds to object but we list here some of the compelling reasons for rejecting this development .

1. The Green Belt must be protected as it serves a crucial purpose in North West Enfield in protecting the environment and sustaining air quality and biodiversity. It is simply wrong to destroy such an enormously significant area of Green Belt which is directly contrary to all green and climate change policies. We are very concerned that building 160 homes will not only affect the character but also destroy the area.
2. 160 homes will lead to thousands of new occupants and hundreds of cars in an area which only has one primary school. Traffic is already unbearable and this will only exacerbate that problem as this is an area where parents have to drop off their children at the school in an already congested area. As an example, the local Hadley Wood primary school had to put in measures to avoid the congestion around it such as reducing the speed limits and restricting parking next to the school. Such a huge development can only increase the safety concerns for our children and the future generations living here.
3. It is simply unsustainable for such a large housing estate to be built at this site. There is only one primary school which is already oversubscribed and a very limited bus service with a connection only to Barnet. It is essential to use a car to travel in and out of the borough . The main line train service has connections direct to central London. Therefore, traffic congestion and air pollution will be inevitable.
4. The plan would lead to centuries old pastures and meadows being destroyed by such a large and unnecessary development . This is the setting for two Conservation areas . It is also the main valley to the Enfield River which is liable to flood and so we must keep its flood controlling Green Belt spaces.
5. It is simply wrong to proceed with such a development which appears to include a long term

plan to concrete over our Green Belt.

We would therefore request that you preserve the Green Belt status for the land and remove the proposed site application from the Local Plan.