

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is too easy just to find a piece of land and build on it and take the easy way out . 'We need an additional 160 houses, oh, there's a piece of vacant land, let's build on that'. 'Doesn't matter that its Green Belt we have the power!'

I urge Councils, not just Enfield Council rather than thinking 'yes we need more housing and yes we have green field sites available in our locality but to consider what buildings do we actually have that are vacant or land that is within an area that already permits building so that we can do these buildings/areas up without destroying the countryside and consequently contributing to global warming by destroying a greenfield site.

This is not just an Enfield Council issue it is all the neighbouring boroughs' issue and there is no evidence that the Councils are talking to each other to determine what local boroughs can combine to do to help the housing situation. There appears to be no collaboration whatsoever!

It is extremely disappointing that an area of natural beauty such as the proposed site is proposed to be destroyed for ever.

The additional pollution by heavy construction vehicles, the use of concrete which contributes to about 8% of all carbon dioxide emissions, the additional cars, as it is a car dependent location, probably in the region of 200 for this site will certainly not help in achieving the United Kingdom's goal of reducing carbon emissions.

I have lived in Hadley Wood for 31 years and am a member of the Hadley Wood Association, intend joining the Hadley Wood Tennis Club, take walks and cycle around the area and I value all the green spaces within Hadley Wood and so enjoy living here as within minutes can walk out of my house and be in beautiful countryside as it is surrounded by Green Belt, which protects the special character of the area. I therefore object to the proposed site allocation, which would allow the development of 160 homes on Green Belt land. There is already too much congestion in the area, the roads are too narrow to support increased traffic thereby the likelihood of accidents will be increased. There are already insufficient amenities in the area so again even more cars will be in use on a daily basis, used to travel to shops, restaurants and schools.

Once gone we will never get it back and I urge Council to look at identifying vacant buildings, existing brownfield sites, improving the use of existing housing areas and looking at land upon which houses can be build without destroying the few natural areas that we have left in Hadley Wood.

It is not good to have to say to oneself 'I wish I hadn't done that' and I would not like anyone in Enfield Council to look at any project when completed and have to say 'I wish I hadn't done that'.

I have yet to see a report on the wildlife that use the area in question. Does anyone know what wildlife that are under threat use the area, what migratory birds transit through that area, what endangered species use that area?

The destruction of grassland, a valuable resource for carbon sequestration, would also represent a negative action in this country's aim to reduce carbon emissions.

Thank you for reading this.