

To whom it may concern,

I attend Alphablocks preschool in Hadley wood. I value all the green spaces around Hadley Wood including the forests and the grasslands. Our family regularly walks in these areas and the preschool uses these spaces for their Forest school activities.

I therefore object to the proposed site allocation, which would allow the development of 160 homes on Green Belt land.

1. This is not a sustainable development location: Whilst growth is encouraged this should be in step with local amenities and infrastructure. There needs to be significant investment in the local area in order to support this additional medical, educational and infrastructure requirement due to the development. The public transport is poor and there is a heavy dependency on vehicle transport, the roads cannot support the initial construction vehicle traffic to the site and the onwards impact of traffic will bring not only Hadley Wood but also High Harnet to a standstill. This will be additional to the other site traffic for the development of 600 homes in New Barnet, which are proposing a construction vehicle route through Hadley Wood.

2. Protect our green belt: The green belt should not be sold off to create home. Green belts add to the bio diversity of the local area and provide an essential buffer against the pollution produced by the M25 to the north.

3. The proposed plans will destroy the unique heritage landscape: The Hadley Wood meadows under threat are part of the established Green Belt in an Area of Special Character across three boroughs. They provide visual harmony for many walkers and cyclists, are the setting for two Conservation Areas and their loss would greatly harm the heritage value of both Hadley Wood and Monken Hadley. The intensification plans would also cause harm to the Conservation Area.

4. Unnecessary and wrong: Neither the housing supply nor demand requirement has been adequately assessed. The range of housing need numbers is too wide to justify the necessary exceptional circumstances, and various potential sources of supply, such as SIL sites, have not been assessed. There is also no evidence of compliance with the Duty to Cooperate with other boroughs.

5. Contrary to climate change targets: As a car-dependent location Hadley Wood is not a suitable location for a large-scale increase in housing at site SA45 or through intensification. The already existing congestion would be worsened, leading to air pollution. The destruction of grassland, a valuable resource for carbon sequestration, would also represent a material negative.

Due to the above factors, 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. Your

ancestors will welcome this decision in years to come.