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Dear Sirs

Local Plan - Site SA45 – Lan

I very rarely engage in any form of consultation, but when I heard about the proposed release of green belt land in Hadley Wood for housing development, I felt compelled to write to the Council.

I have many friends living in Hadley Wood and regularly walk along all the streets and the Bartram Lane fields where I can appreciate the beauty of the landscape surrounding Hadley Wood. I cannot believe the Council cannot find 160 homes elsewhere in the borough, without building on this green belt. Especially, when the actual number of homes required is still so uncertain.

This proposal must go against the Council's own Climate Change Action Plan. Hadley Wood is not a sustainable location, despite having a station and therefore wholly reliant on cars for all essential journeys. Why is the Council looking to build on this green belt when it has declared a climate emergency? Tackling climate change is not achieved by building on the green belt. Surely, by building on the green belt, the Council is making the situation worse.

The Council should be seeking to develop & prioritise all brownfield sites before even looking at the green belt, especially sites owned by the Council. The Hadley Wood site is surrounded by Conservation Areas and Grade II listed buildings. Surely, this will adversely impact the setting, character and appearance of these heritage assets.

I therefore request the Council to change its Local Plan to retain the green belt and remove the site allocation.

You Sincerely