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Dear Sirs

Local Plan - Site SA45 – Land between Camlet Way and Crescent West, Hadley Wood

I wish to 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 the following reasons:

I am a visitor to Hadley Wood and my children attend Hadley Wood Primary School. We enjoy the character of the conservation area and get great pleasure from looking across the fields in question to enjoy the beautiful landscape. I cannot believe the Council is seeking to remove the green belt designation to allow the site to be developed into housing. Why is the Council seeking to build 25% of their new homes on the green belt which goes against national planning policies, the London Plan and Enfield's own Climate Change Action Plan? 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. Building 25% of the new homes it says are required 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 a totally car dependent neighbourhood as local public transport links are very poor, local amenities (GP, post office, 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 that would be required to mitigate new development.

The Local Plan fails to develop/prioritise all brownfield sites. 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.

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